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When a boy we heard it said that if you went to a circus and angered the elephant by giving him a chew of tobacco he would remember it if he came back after twenty years and punish you for it. We don't know much about elephants, but we are convinced that if you don't tip the waiter at a restaurant he will spot you next time. We are afraid they are not the only ones who carry a grudge.

We had the pleasure of looking into the new church of the St. Charles Ave. Baptists the night before their dedicatory service. It is a thing of beauty and will be their joy, for a generation at least. They had a series of services on Sunday participated in by former pastors and by Drs. Mullins and Gray. Many visitors on their way to the Southern Baptist Convention took advantage of the stop over in New Orleans to attend this dedication; also to visit the Bible Institute and the great Southern Baptist Hospital, which recently had such an auspicious opening.

We observed in a visit to the W. M. U. Convention that they do not waste time in getting business transacted. The president seems to know what ought to be done and is not backward about suggesting a motion. You may like this or not, but it seems to save time. However, they are not without a good degree of ceremonial. Everybody is given some sort of recognition. All the state vice-presidents seemed to have places on the platform behind the president and executive secretary, and all chairmen of all committees having to do with preparation for the Convention were called to the platform and introduced. Missionaries stood and were recognized, also visitors. The court of Queen Victoria would have had nothing on these ladies.

We heard Dr. J. F. Love of the Foreign Mission Board preach a great missionary sermon in the First Church at Houston. His text was the great commission and his subject "The Primacy of Foreign Missions". He insisted that church buildings and schools and hospitals and orphanages were secondary to the work of saving souls. He said that people could be saved without knowing their A B C's, but they could not be saved without the knowledge of Christ. Also that one could be saved without a knowledge of philosophy, and that all the philosophies in the world could not save a soul. He had the sympathetic hearing of all apparently, and we hope he will keep the work of evangelism on our foreign mission field as the prime business of our board. It is our clear and positive conviction that education and benevolence are the fruits of soul saving and not a means to it. They are the natural and inevitable results of preaching the gospel and will spring up in the wake of the gospel everywhere. But they are not to be picked up in America and planted in China nor in any heathen country. If the Christians of these foreign mission fields do not get under their own educational and benevolent work it will do the gospel no good to try to transplant the fruits of the gospel in this country to the soil of a heathen country.

On Monday night the W. M. U. opened their Convention in Houston with a pageant as a demonstration of the Young People's work. They have hardly "57 varieties" but enough apparently to cover all the needs. Music was furnished by the orchestra of the First Church, and they were frequently applauded. The president, Mrs. Cox, opened the meeting with a few words, introduced Miss Mather, who had charge of the program, who in turn introduced a lady missionary from China, whose name we did not get. After this brief talk Miss Mather and the other speakers stood by the "loud speaker" and could be heard very well. The pageant consisted of a group of each department of W. M. U. work, including Sunbeams, Girls' Auxiliary, Y. W. A., R. A., all dressed beautifully, except the boys, who looked comfortable without their coats. Then there were placards showing the members of each organization in each of the states in the Convention, and an address of two minutes by a representative from each of the states. Miss Fannie Traylor represented Mississippi. The singing was always good and the people went away pleased and instructed by the whole program.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION ON EVOLUTION

The Southern Baptist Convention accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God, and rejects every theory, evolution or otherwise, that teaches that man originated in, or came by way of a lower animal ancestry.

The editor had the pleasure of hearing the baccalaureate address made to the graduating class of the Baptist Bible Institute by Dr. D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College. It was on the subject of The Word and the Witness, and was a masterly ringing declaration of faith in the infallible word of God and a call to faithful witnessing to the word in our life and message. The faculty and students were delighted with the address and were outspoken in their appreciation of it. Among those who were graduated were a goodly number from Mississippi, of whom our people may well be proud and whom they will do well to utilize in the home state. Of these Rev. L. Bracey Campbell received the degree of Doctor of Theology; Rev. George Kellie Fortinberry of Tylertown received the degree of Master of Theology; Andrew Thomas Mitchell of Calhoun City received the degree of Bachelor of Christian Training; Mrs. Thelma Davenport Stewart of Liberty the same degree, also a certificate as Church Secretary; Miss Virgie C. Cogdell of Catchings received the degree of Bachelor of Christian Training; Miss Sallie Elizabeth Long received certificate for two years in Religious Education. Beside these were B. C. Land, formerly of Mississippi, who graduated as Bachelor of Theology, and C. B. Hall, pastor of Fernwood, who received the degree of Master of Christian Training. In all there were 30 graduating and 20 receiving certificates.

Mr. Virgil Posey, 115 Adams St., Jackson, Miss., is available for work as evangelistic singer in meetings through the month of July and first week in August.

Missionary I. D. Eavenson is to reach Seattle from China on May 31st. He will spend his furlough mostly in Mississippi, being for the summer at Marks and Leakesville. Welcome home.

Mississippians at the Convention were pleased to see on the platform at the opening session three of the made in Mississippi variety. Dr. J. R. Hobbs, now of Birmingham, was Chairman of the Program Committee. Dr. W. A. McComb conducted the prayer meeting of the preconvention session, and Pastor H. R. Holcomb of Mansfield, La., preached the sermon at this devotional service. The congregation was comparatively small at this prayer meeting, many of the brethren preferring the excitement under the "Tent" and some doing some preconvention diplomatic endeavors. It was a good sermon on the Ministry of Christ, although the loud speaker seemed constantly in the way of the speaker. Most of the speakers abandoned it later in the Convention. The prayer meeting looked like Gideon's band in comparison with the multitude attending the pageant the night before, but it was effective, because it is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

The test of any educational institution is the character of men it turns out. By this standard the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans holds a high place. There were many graduating with different degrees last week, but we are thinking now of the four men who received the degree of Doctor of Theology. These are Brethren Lawrence Zarilli, Lawrence Bracey Campbell, Leroy G. Cleverdon and Elmer Francis Haight. Bro. Campbell is well known in Mississippi, where he has taught and preached for several years. He graduated from Clarke College, also from Mississippi College and has spent five years at the Bible Institute. Part of the time he has been instructor in public speaking and will continue to teach Homiletics. He also has received high honors in the New Orleans School of Oratory. He is pastor at Summit. Dr. Cleverdon is an alumnus of Howard College in Alabama, has been a brilliant student and successful teacher. He will be at the head of the Department of Christian Education in the Institute. Dr. Haight is an alumnus of Furman University and has done such excellent work that he has been selected as successor to Dr. Christian in the Chair of Church History. He and Dr. Cleverdon have both turned away from inviting pastores offering good opportunities and fine salaries to remain with the Institute. Dr. Zarilli is well known as head of the Italian Department in the Institute. He took his B. A. degree in Italy before coming to America. He has proven an efficient gospel preacher and an acceptable speaker on many occasions wherever he has gone over the South. Many of his former pupils are now doing mission work among Italians in this country. The Institute is fortunate to retain these vigorous young men.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Houston, Texas, May 12-16, 1926
Walton E. Lee

The two days preceding the seventy-first convening of Southern Baptists in annual assembly were given to the Convention of the women and meetings of standing committees preparatory to making reports on the various phases of the work.

Houston, the meeting place of the Convention, is far to one side of the Convention's territory and the enrollment at the opening was only about one-half that at the enrollment last year, being 2,940 according to the report of the secretaries.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday, May 12th, from the rostrum of the large city auditorium, Prof. E. O. Sellers, New Orleans, announced "How Firm A Foundation", which was sung, as only it can be by a Southern Baptist Convention and then followed prayer led by Dr. A. U. Boone, Tennessee. The Convention was favored by the effective rendering of "I Believe" by W. Plunket Martin, New Orleans, as a solo. A devotional service was conducted by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, reading with comment from the twelfth chapter of John.

President McDaniel called the Convention to order and a permanent organization was effected by electing Dr. G. W. McDaniel, President; Bros. O. S. Latimore of Texas, J. D. Mell of Georgia, A. M. Bennett of Florida and L. J. Bristow of Louisiana, Vice-Presidents; Drs. Hight C. Moore and J. H. Burnett, Secretaries; Mr. Geo. W. Norton, Treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, Treasurer. Dr. McDaniel, in assuming the duties of the office of President, expressed gratitude for the honor conferred and declared it as his purpose to deal fairly in all his rulings and to make no discrimination between the highest and the most humble member of the body. The President quoted effectively from memory the 13th chapter of Romans, expressing the desire that brotherly love shall be the ruling principle of the Convention. He declared his own personal belief on the question of evolution in the following clear statement, which on motion of Dr. M. E. Dodd, was unanimously adopted as the belief of the Convention: "I am happy to believe that this Convention accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God, and rejects every theory, evolution or otherwise, which teaches that man originated in, or come by way of, a lower animal ancestry."

Thus the question that threatened to precipitate a divisive discussion was settled and the Convention moved on. Dr. James B. Leavell, a former Mississippian and now pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, presented Mayor O. F. Holcomb, who delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Holcomb is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, having been baptized by Dr. Leavell.

The welcome address was happily responded to by Dr. H. A. Porter of Oklahoma.

The Committee on Business Efficiency, appointed at the last Convention, made a lengthy report through its chairman, Dr. Austin Crouch. So many things were embraced in the report touching the future plans of work of the Convention, after an animated discussion of it by Drs. Love, Masters and Crouch, action on same was deferred and it is made a special order for twelve o'clock tomorrow.

The Convention sermon was preached by Dr. F. F. Brown, Knoxville. The 8th chapter of Deuteronomy was read and Bro. Robt. Jolly led in prayer. "The Lily of the Valley" was sung by Bro. Pickle, a layman in Dr. Brown's church. Dr. Brown took for his text III John 1:2. The sermon was an earnest cry against the materialistic tendency of the age, the putting of the material above the spiritual. A plea that there may be soul prosperity above that of temporal prosperity. The greatest peril among Southern Baptists is not poverty, declared the preacher,

but unconsecrated possession. The sermon has appeared in full in the papers of the different states.

Afternoon Session

In the devotional exercises of this session "Stand Up For Jesus" was sung and Dr. A. R. Bond of Alabama led in prayer. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, Atlanta, read part of Hebrews twelve and brought a brief message on "Let Us Also", impressing that we also as Southern Baptists should exemplify the faith of the heroes of old.

In the receiving and recognizing of fraternal visitors Bro. F. W. Gracey of Ireland was presented by Dr. Mullins, who addressed the Convention on the work of Baptists in his native land.

A telegram of greetings from the General Conference of Southern Methodists, now in session in Memphis, was read to the Convention, as was also a letter from the Northern Baptist Convention. The President and Secretaries are instructed to send suitable responses to these messages.

The President of the Convention on motion of Mr. E. O. Sellers is elected a fraternal messenger to the Northern Convention, and on motion of Dr. A. J. Barton he is authorized to name such others as he may desire to accompany him.

The report of the Committee on Change of Representation was presented by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Chairman. After a very extended discussion and much parliamentary maneuvering it was agreed that the report shall be printed for distribution among the messengers of the Convention to be carefully studied for future, definite action. The Committee is continued and will make report one year hence.

Secretary J. H. Burnett read the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

During the noon intermission today a large chart was stretched over the rostrum, on which was printed the amounts contributed by Southern Baptists both for local expenses and denominational causes. The amounts contributed for home uses was shown to be far in excess of those for outside causes, which was assigned as the reason for "our slump and debts". The comparison extended through a period of seven years. Only the year 1925 is here given as an example. Gifts to local work, \$30,771,574.00 or 78.8%. For general work, \$8,255,435.00 or 21.8%. The object of these comparative figures is to call attention to the fact that vastly more is being spent on ourselves than on others, which should not be the case.

The report of the Committee on the Hospital Commission was presented by Dr. L. J. Bristow, the Superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans. The report showed that there are now 25 hospitals in operation under control of Southern Baptists with a property valuation of \$13,500,000.00. During the past year more than \$1,250,000.00 worth of charity work has been done in these hospitals.

Dr. A. J. Barton, under a point of privilege, read to the Convention a paragraph from the afternoon paper relative to the attitude of the Convention towards the Volstead law, which seriously reflected on the Convention. Dr. Barton introduced a set of resolutions declaring Southern Baptists heartily in favor of the present law and pledging unwavering purpose to its strengthening and enforcement. The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Dr. A. J. Holt of Louisiana led the Convention in closing prayer.

EVENING SESSION

After a song service Dr. W. D. Nowlin, Florida, in conducting the devotional service, read from the fourth chapter of First Thessalonians, bringing a brief message on the Second Coming of Christ and leading the Convention in prayer.

The Coliseum Quartette, New Orleans, sang

to the delight of the Convention, as they did also at the afternoon session.

Report on Church Music

The Committee on Church Music presented a report through Mr. I. E. Reynolds, the chairman. A number of recommendations were made in the report looking to the improvement of the music in our church service. This is a new subject for the consideration of the Convention, but it is important and the discussions elicited much interest.

Sunday School Board's Report

The Sunday School Board's report was made by Dr. Harold Major, Texas. There is no report made to the Convention that arouses more interest than does that of this Board because of the increasing activity in Sunday School work. Dr. W. C. Boone, Kentucky, discussed the report as the representative pastor of the departmentalized Sunday School of the city church. Dr. J. M. Barnett, North Carolina, spoke to the report as representing the pastor of the rural school. The Sunday School Board is not only providing the literature for the schools in which the Word of God is taught, but is sending workers into all parts of our Southland, both town and city, to further the teaching services of our churches, which is the Sunday School. This Board is also behind the work among our young people and B. Y. P. U. workers are going into all sections of our country in the interest of the work of training our boys and girls in Christian activity.

The Board issues the Home and Foreign Fields, our Mission journal and thus our Mission work is a beneficiary of the S. S. Board in this way as well as in large gifts from the profits of its publications.

The Cooperative Program Commission's Report

The Commission on the Cooperative Program in their report made by Dr. J. E. Dillard, recommended that the program for 1927 have for its financial goal the sum of \$9,000,000.00. That the funds raised be allocated on the following percentage basis: Foreign Missions, 50%; Home Missions, 22½% Relief and Annuity Board, 9%; S. B. T. Seminary, 5%; S. W. B. T. Seminary, 4½%; B. B. Institute, 3½%; Education Board, 2%; New Orleans Hospital, 2%; W. M. U. Training School, 1%; A. B. T. Seminary, ½%. It is further recommended that the Boards which have debts instructed to proceed immediately to arrange for extending their obligations over a period of years if it is necessary in order to take care of those obligations gradually without too greatly curtailing their present work and that the most intensive effort be put forth to enlist our people in the support of this cooperative program. That an effort be made immediately to enroll 500,000 tithers among Southern Baptists. The session closed with prayer led by Dr. F. C. McConnell.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The real interest of the messengers in the work of the Convention was manifest by the large number present this morning at the opening hour. Prof. E. O. Sellers led the song service. Dr. B. D. Clapp, Kentucky, read the scripture lesson and Dr. C. M. Thompson, Kentucky, led in prayer.

Dr. B. D. Ragland, Kentucky, presented a memorial to the Convention from the Elkhorn Association of Kentucky lamenting a condition existing among Southern Baptists growing out of the teaching on Evolution. Charges were brought against Drs. E. Y. Mullins and J. R. Sampey of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at which point in the reading the question of consideration was raised and by overwhelming vote the reading ceased and the matter was dismissed.

Other matters of miscellaneous business of a minor nature were considered before taking up the regular order.

Report of the So. Bap. Theological Seminary

The first report of the day was that of the Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which was read by Dr. E. Y. Mullins.

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Dr. H. W. Tribble was presented to the Convention as the youngest member of the faculty of the Seminary, who happily made his speech of recognition: "The Cradle Roll of the Faculty is Glad to Be Here". Dr. W. O. Carson in speaking of the report called attention to the apparent falling off in the number of students entering the ministry as evidenced by the matriculation in the seminaries. It was said that the shortage has not been felt by Southern Baptists to the extent of other denominations, but if the source of supply is not carefully guarded we shall share the same misfortune in this regard. Dr. Mullins consumed the remainder of the Seminary's time in telling about the new building and stating the principles upon which the Seminary operates, which are as follows: (1) The authority of the Bible; (2) The Deity of Christ; (3) Redemption alone through the Blood of Christ; (4) The New Testament Church, the expression of the will of Christ; (5) The Kingdom Program; (6) Scholarship and Training.

W. M. Lewis, a negro gospel singer from Dallas, Texas, delighted the Convention, as the negroes always do, with two numbers: "I Shall Not Be Moved", and "Don't You See the Four and Twenty Elders on Their Knees".

Report of the Education Board

The report of the Education Board was read by Dr. J. W. Cammack, the Secretary, and the review of the report was read by Dr. J. M. Shelburne, Virginia. The time for the discussion of these reports was given to Dr. Geo. W. Truett, who brought to the Convention a great address on Christian Education.

The Report of the Committee on Business Efficiency

The time for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Business Efficiency on yesterday expired and it was made a special order for this hour today. The report recommended some very radical changes in our present plans of work and on motion of Dr. J. F. Love, the committee is continued with instructions to perfect their work and to print their report to the next Convention in the denominational papers two months before the next meeting. The Committee on Change of Representation in the Convention, of which Dr. E. Y. Mullins is chairman, is instructed to meet with the Committee on Business Efficiency to work in cooperation to the end that there shall be no conflict in their recommendations to the Convention.

The closing prayer was led by Dr. L. E. Barton.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Dr. J. D. Adecock, Florida, led the opening devotional service, reading from Rom. 12, with comments, and then led in prayer.

The Report of the S. W. Seminary

The first order was the report of the Trustees of the Southwestern Theological Seminary by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, the President. It was pointed out in the report that the past year has been the best in history of the Institution from the standpoint of general efficiency in work maintained. The Music building, for which Mrs. George E. Cowden of Fort Worth made a contribution of \$150,000, is nearing completion. During the year a bequest of \$10,000.00 toward the endowment of the Chair of Evangelism became available from the estate of the late Judge C. C. Ferrell of Anson, Texas. A deficit or \$42,000.00 in the operating expense of the Seminary for the year was reported.

In the realm of practical Christian work the Seminary had a great year, the faculty and student body reporting 8,764 persons won to Christ, 7,751 baptisms, 10,615 additions to the Baptist churches and \$207,797.89 raised for all purposes.

Report of Baptist Bible Institute

Following the report of the S. W. Seminary was that of the Baptist Bible Institute, presented by Dr. B. H. DeMent, the President. In this the eighth annual report attention is called to

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THE BIBLE AS A GUIDE TO GOOD HEALTH

By G. T. Howerton, Starkville, Miss.

In Eden man had not only a natural dietary, but he had the Simple Life in a nut shell. He ate no de-natured foods, neither did he breathe de-natured air. He took his food, his drinks and his sleeps direct from the hand of NATURE. If any man desires to live on the foods which Nature and Nature's God intended for him to eat let him apply this test—Is this a good food—that is good to the taste of a normal man, just as it comes from the hand of Nature? Let him apply the same test to his drinks. Did Nature make this DRINK good enough for me? Nature works hard day and night to keep the food we eat, the water we should drink and the air we should breathe, sweet and clean and good. In Eden man had also a natural work to do—tend the garden and keep it—as well as live from its produce. So the Bible begins with a Natural Man, in a Natural surrounding—environment, as science names it. If any man wants to co-operate with God, that is live such a life as the Eternal intends for him to live let him follow the Edenic Plan. And man is ever striving in his heart of HEART to get back to this EDEN. The New Earth in which "dwelleth uprightness", and in which the "leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations" is this Old Eden made NEW.

GRADUATION AT THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Ernest O. Sellers

The eighth annual commencement program of the Bible Institute of The Southern Baptist Convention was held in New Orleans May 3-7.

Monday night was "Music Night" and there was presented to a packed house a program equal to any given by the oldest and best equipped Musical Conservatories.

Tuesday, "Class Day", was observed by a reception to the graduates given by President and Mrs. B. H. DeMent. In the evening the class presented an interesting, amusing and most edifying program.

The Baccalaureate Sermon on Wednesday night in Managan Chapel was delivered by Dr. J. B. Tidwell of the Chair of Bible, Baylor University, a great message by a great man.

Thursday was "Alumni Day", the address being delivered by Rev. Sam Gordon (23) of Amite, Louisiana, and a banquet at night.

Friday was graduation day proper. The address was delivered by Prof. D. M. Nelson, Ph.D., of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, a most acceptable and inspiring message. President DeMent on behalf of the Trustees and Faculty delivered Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to fifty-six young people representing fifteen different states and two foreign countries, Honduras and Italy. Of these, twenty-six were for degrees. Four, Messrs. Cleverdon (Tulane), Haight (Furman), Campbell (Mississippi College), and Zarilli (Italy and Bucknell), were granted degrees as Doctors of Theology. These degrees are based upon a four years A. B. College degree and five years of Seminary work including a satisfactory thesis.

The year just closed at the Institute has been most satisfactory and, as has been the record of each of the eight years of the Institute's history, it has shown an improvement over the previous one. Two hundred and sixty-seven students enrolled, coming from twenty different states and four foreign countries. Of these Louisiana and Mississippi lead with North Carolina closely following.

Continuing as from the beginning the Institute Students have been doing a wonderful piece of work in Evangelism upon the streets of New Orleans, in jails, hospitals and the like, not to

mention the many churches that are served by the students.

Dr. B. F. Haight, Furman graduate, one of the four to receive the Doctor of Theology degree, has been elected to succeed the late Dr. John T. Christian as Professor of Church History. He will begin his work in September.

The Institute is unique in the courses it offers to those speaking a foreign tongue. No other institution offers religious and theological training in Italian, French or Spanish. Prof. Zarilli of the Italian department not only teaches, but directs a very live Italian congregation that has recently witnessed a large number of some remarkable conversions among those of that race.

Southern Baptists are amazed, without a single exception, when they visit the Institute, see its equipment, study its work, and learn of the advancement of the Baptist cause in New Orleans, the Gulf region and the lower end of the great Mississippi valley during the eight years of the operation of this great agency and asset of the Southern Baptist Convention.

MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

It's many years since Mother left,
This world of strife and care,
And passed beyond the gate of Death
Where all is bright and fair.

But day by day it seems to me
The prayers she used to pray,
Come back and stronger plead with me
To yield to Christ's sweet way.

The songs I used to hear her sing,
When I am tempted wrong,
Again in memory once more ring,
And bid me to be strong.

I know her heart for me has bled
In sorrow and in pain,
But the bitter tears for me she shed
Shall not have been in vain.

My Mother's songs, her prayers, her tears,
They have alone prevailed,
And followed me down through the years,
And would not let me fail.

Oh Mother, how I wish I might,
Hold your dear form in my arms tonight,
And tell you that I'm trying hard to be,
The visions that you saw in me.
Alice Goldsmith,
Box 718,
Jackson, Miss.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

From Report to Southern Baptist Convention

The Baptist Bible Institute opened its first session October 1, 1918, and is therefore closing its eighth session. One hundred years prior to its establishment the matter of building a great Baptist educational institution in New Orleans was agitated. At various intervals the question was revived, and the Southern Baptist Convention in session in New Orleans, in 1917, projected the enterprise known as the Baptist Bible Institute. This school for Christian workers is indeed a child of Providence and prayer.

The growth of the Baptist Bible Institute is remarkable in many ways. The material equipment, though originally excellent for a new school, has been greatly enlarged. We began with some of the buildings formerly owned by the Sophie Newcomb College, but our progress has necessitated the purchase of other property. We now own twenty-three buildings in all, including the M. E. Dodd Administration Building, Managan Chapel, Recitation Building, Woman's Dormitory, accommodating sixty students; Men's

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RENEW PROMPTLY: Please send in your renewal promptly and give your old address as well as the new when writing us for a change. If you do not send in your renewal your name will be dropped from the list.
Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions of 100 words, and marriage notices of 25 words, inserted free. All over these amounts will cost one cent a word, which must accompany the notice.

The Leavell Bible Class of the First Church in Houston is held in a theatre to accommodate the large number who wish to attend. The Sunday we were in Houston the large auditorium was fairly well filled, having a ladies' class also in attendance and many visitors. Instead of the usual Bible study, Dr. Gracey from Cork, Ireland, made a talk about conditions in his country. He is an interesting speaker. He asked the audience how many of those present were of Irish blood. A majority of them held up their hands. He estimates that nearly seven-eighths of those to whom he speaks in this country are of Irish descent. It looked a little queer to those not accustomed to a religious service in a theatre to hear a religious address amid such surroundings. The advertisements on the curtains told of excursions, real estate for sale, laundries and restaurants where you could eat to the accompaniment of music and dances. But why should religion not be carried into a place like this? It wasn't meant to be kept in a hot house or in a hermit's cell or cloister. Religion has got to come into competition with everything else, and had just as well come to grips with it in surroundings of this kind. People will have to learn to worship God and serve him without the protection of church walls and the aids to devotion. It is said that in heaven there will be no temple there. And there is no mention of a church house in the New Testament. Some people cannot pray without a book in their hands and some cannot worship God without a church house. If so let them have them. But the Lord says that the kitchen vessels and the bridles of the horses shall have Holiness to the Lord on them.

Until within recent years through the establishment of the Baptist Bible Institute in the city of New Orleans it has been observed that the Southern coast of our great Southern States remains undeveloped and unevangelized. Thousands of people have been deprived of the opportunity of hearing the gospel—many of them foreigners, speaking a foreign language, but whose lives are just as bright, whose souls are just as precious and whose hearts stand just as ready for a reception of the truth of Jesus Christ as any people in the world. Only since the establishment of this great Institution have the Baptists been able to put on an evangelical program with any success within this section of the country. But now God has opened up this wonderful field, and throughout this Southland we hear the Macedonian cry for religious workers of all descriptions to take charge of churches and do personal work among our foreign people.

The students who are attending B. B. I. are reaching over a hundred churches and mission points in and around New Orleans and are preaching to and dealing with personally from three to five thousand people each week. It remains only to be seen in the near future this great Southland become the stronghold for Southern Baptists and to see the city of New Orleans,

with its great foreign population, become the evangelizing center of the world.

—D. B. Powell.

We were in the gallery of the First Church at Houston on Sunday and could see and hear well. The room has over 2,000 seats and there must have been 1,500 people present, a good sprinkling of visitors. All ages were there from four months old babies (we saw two of them) to old men and women. There were more than twice as many women as there were men. We counted them in one tier of seats. There were several races represented. We saw one negro, a sprinkling of Mexicans and the rest Caucasians. Four Mexicans sat next to us, apparently a mother and three children. The mother and two of the children put envelopes in the collection as if they were regular contributors. The church property runs from one street to the other. On one street the building is five stories high. The auditorium is in the middle and is well lighted and ventilated. It is all in a business block. On the other street the church has a vacant lot for which they have refused \$300,000. On this they will erect their Sunday School rooms, about six or eight stories high. The church has had a great fight, financial, moral and spiritual, but they are winning out. Pastor Jas. B. Leavell, known to all Mississippians, is doing a splendid piece of work. Pray that health and strength may be given him. Eight joined the church on that Sunday morning, all by letter or statement.

There was a good degree of electricity in the air at Houston before the Convention assembled. It was known that a resolution similar to that which appeared in The Baptist Record a few weeks ago would be presented. As a result many others were busy with the same subject and many pockets had substituted resolutions ready. Everybody wanted peace, wanted the matter settled and out of the way. The only way to settle it was in using language that was clear and unambiguous. Nobody was after anybody's "goat". Dr. McDaniel had stated to several brethren a resolution which he thought covered the ground and met the need. And when at the conclusion of his remarks after being elected President he repeated these words, Dr. Dodd of Shreveport was ready to move that this be the expression of the Convention. It was adopted without a dissenting vote and without discussion. Everybody seemed satisfied and breathed easy.

A company of us are under many obligations to Bro. B. E. Massey, pastor of Massey Memorial Church of Algiers, just across the Mississippi River from New Orleans and a part of that city, for his kindness in showing us over the city. He did not fail to show us his church building, worth probably \$30,000, in a city of 35,000, which up to the time he began work there about five years ago had never had a service by a white Baptist preacher. By apostolic and sacrificial labor he has won in a great fight. Only recently certain spiteful persecutors broke out a great number of the window panes, but he patiently and lovingly works on. He says that in his five years of service only two members of the church have died and they now number about 350. Most of these are young people, and he is training them in special classes every week. Talk about a Daily Vacation Bible School, he has one all the year round, only there is no vacation.

Dr. B. H. Lovelace of Clinton was nominated by the Convention and elected by the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Seminary as one of nine trustees at large. This is a part of the plan provided for in a proposed new charter of the Seminary adopted at Houston. The plan calls for two trustees from each state and nine at large. But the two from each state cannot be elected until there are vacancies on the present board caused by death or resignation or moving

from one state to another of present members. The new plan gives an equal number from each state as is the case with the Southwestern Seminary and the Bible Institute. The old plan provided that the number of trustees should be in proportion to the money given to the Seminary. The purpose of the new plan is to bring the Seminary more nearly under the control of the Convention.

Dr. George W. Leavell reached Houston, Texas, from Wuchow, China, just in time to make a vigorous speech to the report on Foreign Missions. He also spoke at the First Church the following Sunday morning. He is one of the most virile men to be seen anywhere, overflowing with exuberant vitality, a good type of man and missionary. He writes that he will spend his furlough in rest and study in preparation for his return to China. He says: "We are hoping that the new day of opportunity is coming to China as a result of the strife and discord and persecution now going on in that distracted country".

Pastor T. L. Holcomb of Sherman, Texas, says that the same methods that will build a big Sunday School class will bring crowds to the prayer meeting. He knows, for in the past ten weeks his prayer meetings have averaged 431 in attendance. We wish he would tell us more about it, for here is a place in our churches that many pastors feel needs working at.

We acknowledge receipt of invitation to the marriage of Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., and Miss Euna Lee Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Seminary. Our congratulations and prayers for a long, useful and happy life.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence has resigned as president of Oklahoma Baptist University, that he may give his whole time to his pastorate at Shawnee. He took the presidency after going to Shawnee as pastor and the University seems to have had an era of great prosperity under his administration.

J. B. Quin preached the commencement sermon to the graduating class of the Prentiss High School and Dr. D. M. Nelson delivered the literary address. Pastor B. H. Lovelace preached the commencement sermon for the Clinton High school. Some prophets are honored at home.

Pastor J. J. Mayfield begins a meeting at Canton May 30. He will preach and Brother Joe Canzoneri will lead the singing. The church is growing in every way and is in good condition for the meeting. The pastor requests prayer for the meeting.

A telegram was read to the Convention in Houston from Dr. Len G. Broughton, congratulating President McDaniel on the resolution with reference to Evolution. The President remarked jocularly that Dr. Broughton declined to introduce the resolution himself but was glad that he had done it.

Pastor J. R. Kyzar of Bardstown, Ky., stopped off to see his folks at Bogue Chitto on his way back from the Convention. We are glad he is to assist in some meetings in Mississippi this summer.

Dr. Theodore Whitfield remains with the Desloge Church and the members showed their appreciation of his decision by a generous contribution.

Evangelists Kyzar and Canzoneri began a meeting with Pastor A. L. O'Bryant at Piaue May 19th.

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Dr. W. L. Rector of Oklahoma Baptist University, becomes President of Montezuma College in New Mexico.

Prof. A. B. Hill, Supervisor of Rural Schools in Arkansas, becomes President of Ouachita College, Baptist, in Arkansas.

The next Southern Baptist Convention meets in Louisville, Ky., on May 6, 1927. The preacher is Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. A. C. Watkins of Clinton has two Sundays in each month which he could give to some church or churches in need of a pastor. These are the second and fourth Sundays.

We wish that some arrangement might be made for the publication of those sermons which the program committee had provided for the Convention, but which were corked up. From what we know of the brethren, the sermons would make a worthy volume.

Dr. A. K. DeBleis, associate editor of the Watchman Examiner, has been tendered the presidency of Eastern Theological Seminary, an orthodox Baptist school, one year old with property in Philadelphia valued at \$300,000, and an endowment of \$1,300,000.

An old lady living in an unfinished house with a good bunch of children said that somehow they had had better health than ever before although the house was open in many places. The truth was that an open house had given them good health. Our Foreign Mission Board reports 1,000 more baptisms on the mission fields than the year before. Is it because of or in spite of diminished appropriations?

The First Church in Jackson is preparing to move the present building, and on last Sunday generously voted to give to the church at Clinton their pipe organ. On Sunday night the church at Clinton passed a vote of thanks for this gift. The people of the First Church are rejoicing in the progress made in the construction of their beautiful stone building.

On Saturday morning of the Convention at Houston the President was not in the chair and it was whispered that he had gone fox hunting, having gotten up at two o'clock in the morning. But before the morning was over he came in and his friends found out that it was all a mistake about his going fox hunting. He had been hunting wolves.

RECEIPTS BY STATES HOME MISSION BOARD

Fiscal Year, 1925-1926

	Campaign Receipts	Designated Home Missions	Total
Alabama	18,687.73	7,083.88	25,771.61
Arkansas	6,875.15	2,617.32	9,492.47
Dist. Columbia	6,164.28	261.84	6,426.11
Florida	16,652.28	9,262.97	25,915.25
Georgia	29,950.59	11,617.25	41,567.84
Illinois	238.11	1,078.34	1,316.45
Kentucky	52,310.37	850.57	53,160.94
Louisiana	10,677.05	6,323.89	17,000.94
Maryland	6,282.99	2,410.41	8,693.40
Mississippi	27,920.97	11,038.05	38,959.02
Missouri	18,993.51	5,650.21	24,643.72
New Mexico	1,252.27	975.00	2,227.27
North Carolina	51,211.15	1,322.81	52,533.96
Oklahoma	8,056.37	2,014.68	10,071.05
South Carolina	21,757.38	6,038.51	27,795.89
Tennessee	29,922.62	6,236.37	36,158.99
Texas	51,761.85	9,337.75	61,099.60
Virginia	57,538.77	16,399.50	73,938.27
Other States		691.30	691.30
Miscellaneous	2,858.46	2,858.46	2,858.46
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THE CONVENTION

Brother W. E. Lee has reported the Convention in other columns and his account will be read with deep interest. We give here simply a detached view.

Some people stayed away from the Convention, so they said, because they didn't want to be in a scrap. They must have been disappointed. You have heard about the old lady who said that some people said it didn't do any good to worry, but she knew it did, for most of the things she worried about never happened. It was even so at the Convention. The very fact that everybody knew there was to be a matter introduced over which the Convention divided last year made everybody anxious and many prayerful. It was the only time when the Convention was requested to begin its meetings with a prayer meeting the night before. And the Lord heard.

The method of introducing the question under discussion was wise. The president took a leaf out of the former president's book and introduced it himself. It was all nicely arranged and a brother was ready with the proper motion to pass the resolution against the evolution theory and all its kinfolks. The mistake of last year was corrected by a unanimous vote, and the Convention started off in a good humor and a good conscience.

It was easy after this for the Convention to address itself to its business; and if the brethren on both sides of this controversy can now let the dead past bury its dead we will go on to the work the Lord has given us to do. A resolution was subsequently introduced requesting the boards and institutions to indicate this agreement with the action taken by the Convention. This ought to be easily done and we will have full steam on and move ahead.

Of course the main business of the Convention is missions, education and benevolence. The foreign and home boards had good hours and made good use of them. The missionaries had the best chance for many years, and some of their speeches were soul stirring. People were deeply moved, and we begin our new year on a high tide of confidence and courage. The debts are serious, but they need not cripple our work. At one time it looked like the Convention might be stamped for foreign missions and the cooperative work be broken into, but good judgment prevailed and we are going to carry on all our work together. The brotherhood will not approve special campaigns for one object to the neglect of others.

Home Missions made a good showing. Many departments showed samples of their work, Jews, Deaf Mutes, Negroes, Indians, etc. The mountain school work was set forth by a moving picture which greatly interested the people. And the evening concluded with a musical concert by the Negroes which was worth going a long way to hear.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett made one of the greatest speeches for Education that the Convention has heard in a long time. He had on his fighting clothes, and most people are at their best in a fight. We shall have more to say about the Convention in later issues, but this must suffice for the present. It was good to be there and the outlook for our work is the best for several years.

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the steady growth and improvement in the institution and its contributions to the religious life of New Orleans and the entire South. A property value of \$750,000.00 and an enrollment of 267 students is reported during the past year, with 46 who received degrees, diplomas or certificates at the recent commencement.

Dr. DeMent stated that the membership of the Baptist churches in New Orleans has increased from 1,200 to 4,500 and the Baptist churches have increased in number from 6 to 14 in the eight years the Institute has been operating. The Trustees are requesting an appropriation of \$162,000.00 for the ensuing year to support the work and meet obligations incurred in the purchase of property.

Dr. DeMent announced the election of Dr. E. F. Haight as the successor of Dr. J. T. Christian in the Chair of Church History in the Institute. Dr. Haight was presented to and addressed the Convention.

Foreign Mission Report

In the report of the Foreign Mission Board presented as the next order by Dr. J. F. Love it was brought out that in spite of revolutions and strikes in China, war in Syria, an unsettled state of affairs in Mexico, and the most vigorous persecutions in many years in Italy and Roumania, the Board can report the largest number of baptisms during the past year of any year, the number being 13,269, a gain of nearly 1,000 over the record of the previous year. With the gains of the past year Southern Baptists now have on the foreign fields a total of 1,215 churches with a combined membership of 140,486, and 2,247 out-stations where preaching and other missionary effort is conducted at regular periods. The churches report 1,818 Sunday Schools with 76,991 pupils, 568 women's societies and 574 young people's societies, while the contributions of the native churches for the year amount to \$4444,258.00, likewise a considerable advance over previous year.

In the employ of the F. M. Board today are 528 American Missionaries and 2,544 native Christian workers, this force being employed in seventeen fields on every side of the globe.

Maintained by the Board on its fields are a total of 929 mission schools with a total enrollment of 26,983 pupils. From these institutions of learning come 50% of all the baptisms administered by the missionaries.

A total of 214,910 treatments were given by the medical workers of the Board, 148 in number, including the native physicians and nurses. A total of seventeen male American physicians and five female American physicians are employed by the Board, along with 11 American nurses, 16 native physicians and 99 native nurses. The number of hospital buildings on the foreign fields is reported at 24. In the publication and distribution of Christian literature on the foreign fields, the following achievements were noted: Distribution of 1,437,442 tracts; 74,151 books, 25,440 Bible portions; 134,450 Sunday School quarterlies; 716,000 Sunday School leaflets and 929,175 copies of denominational papers.

The total receipts of the F. M. Board for the year, exclusive of borrowed money, amounted to \$2,278,225.95. This money came in as follows: From the regular returns of the Cooperative program, \$1,071,824.16; special Christmas love offering, \$811,344.11; designated receipts, \$240,613.05; legacies, \$130,871.52; and miscellaneous receipts, \$45,899.40. The debt of the Board at the banks has been reduced to \$787,136.43.

The excellent showing in baptisms, in spite of the disturbances in China and other fields, was made possible, the Board reports, by the increased efficiency of the native workers who could carry on after some of the Americans had been compelled to withdraw from their stations temporarily. Great effectiveness is exhibited by the native Christians in Africa, Brazil and other fields, where there have been no disturbances. In Africa many of the converts have never seen the face of a foreign missionary, having been won to Christ and baptized by the native workers, many of whom give their services without charge.

Dr. J. R. Sampey, Kentucky, speaking to the report on Foreign Missions, told of his visit to

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When this issue of the Record comes out those who will attend the Convention in Houston will be there in the great Meeting. Truly we trust that those who go and those who stay will remember to pray.

Here is a private opinion of your Secretary thus publicly expressed: No one, man or woman, should be chosen as a delegate to the Convention or the W. M. U. Meeting who does not READ the Baptist Record. "There is a reason."

One line from a note last week was omitted. But it comes in very well here. It was this: Mrs. Charles Ammen, our very efficient Mission Study Leader, felt the call to give up her work also. Mrs. Fred Hammack, Flora, who was one time our State M. S. Leader, was chosen in Mrs. Ammen's stead. Let us make this a great year in Mission Study.

Now and then calls come for "Stewardship Report Blanks". Our very splendid Stewardship Leader, Mrs. R. B. Gunter, has given this matter careful consideration. She does not think blanks are needed, either for local societies or for associations or state. The only report that need be sent is the number of tithers. By writing to this office you may secure tithing cards for individuals to sign; but these are to be kept by the individual, or by the local Stewardship Leader.

June Leaflets

The following list of leaflets will be helpful in connection with the June program.

Suggested Leaflets—Supplement to Program

June—The American Indian

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How the Indian Went West.....	3
One Little Injun (Junior R. A. and G. A.).....	5
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Order from W. M. U. Literature Department,
1111 Age-Herald Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

"I Will Pray"

Five hundred miles northwest of Canton is Kweilin, China, one of the S. B. C. missionaries at that station being Miss Mattie Vie Summer. From her comes the following appealing story: One of the "second year" students was a widow who had an only son. Just as he was recovering from a long and serious illness she was urged to go with a group of native workers into a totally unevangelized section. The trip would keep her away from her boy for several weeks and she was loathe to leave him, though Christian neighbors promised to take good care of him. He and they knew that she was an earnest-hearted Bible woman and that many little children and their mothers were awaiting the Good News. So the brave boy said: "Mother, you go and 'preach';

I'll stay home and pray". Therefore he prayed and she "preached" and there was power from God.

Ever thus is it: prayer precedes and permeates all work which wins the Father's blessing but it is reassuring when a young Christian, perhaps of only the second generation of believers, adds such a testimony. Any one who has visited mission fields knows that pagan and papal mothers teach their tiny children to have faith through prayer before their images of wood and stone, one missionary recently saying how it grieved his heart and yet stimulated him to renewed effort every time he saw a heathen Chinese mother clasping in prayer the hands of her young son. The daily press reported last August that "five thousand children attended a special mass in the cathedral at Durango, Mexico, where prayers were offered for a cessation of the plague of scorpions".

"A little child shall lead them"—but whither? Would that it might be into the House of God, into His sanctuary of prayer, even as the parents of Jesus were lead when they found Him in the temple, saying to them: "Knew ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" Would that all Southern Baptist women would again hear Jesus say: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to accomplish His work;—it is expedient for you that I go away;—when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into the truth.—Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.—If ye shall ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in My name".

As one thinks of the Kweilin widow's son praying for his absent mother, it hardly seems irreverent to call to mind Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore also He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them". Thus "enabled" Christians "ought always to pray and not to faint", remembering the command of Christ: "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest".

Important at all times is intercessory prayer but doubly desirable would it seem throughout the month of May, in the midst of which is the annual gathering of Southern Baptists. Therefore, in a very especial way is it urged upon W. M. U. societies and circles to arrange for extra time to pray, either before or during their May meetings, request being made that they intercede for as many as possible of the following interests:

Thanksgiving for the call to prayer.

Officers of Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. W. J. Cox as she presides over W. M. U. annual meeting.

Plans for remaining months of 1926

1927 Program of Southern Baptists.

Christian hospitals in every land.

Need for Baptist young women to train as nurses in Baptist hospitals.

All S. B. C. nurses and doctors.

Students and faculties in state and denominational schools.

All home and foreign missionaries.

Courage on the part of all W. M. U. members to "seek first the Kingdom of God".

The Legend of the Wings

Once in the long ago, before man came to the earth to live, the birds had sweet voices with which to sing; they had beautiful colors with which to make the roadways bright, but they had no wings. They hopped about from place to place, often in danger of their lives from the animals all about them, but they could not fly.

Now, there was work to be done in the animal world, and God chose one and another of the animals and birds to do it. Some scattered seeds, some carried messages, and some worked to make the whole world more beautiful. But none of the animals wished to bear burdens from one place to another.

The lion said: "I am too great to carry bundles."

The rabbit said: "I am too small to carry bundles."

The sheep said: "I give wool, so why should I carry bundles?"

The chipmunk said: "I must run fast and far, so how can I carry bundles?"

One and another they all asked to be excused, all but the birds. When they saw that the bundles had to be carried, they said to the great God who guarded them: "We are very small and cannot carry much. But we are glad to do what we can. Make the bundles small, and we can help to do the work. There are many of us; perhaps we can do it all."

So the bundles were put on their backs. Sometimes they staggered under the weight of them, but still they carried, and they sang their sweet songs as they hopped along. They could still pick up bits of food as they went along. At first their songs could not be understood, but gradually the other animals found that they were singing.

"Never mind about the burdens. We will do our best."

And as the days went by the burdens seemed lighter. Soon the burdens seemed to be lifting them instead of their lifting the burdens. Then, lo! when the winter was gone and the springtime came again, the burdens rolled away, and in their place were wings, wings with which they could fly away from danger and spend their days in the beautiful sky and in the tree tops. They had learned how to carry the burden, and the burden had become wings to lift them nearer to the great God for whom they had done the work.—Margaret W. Eggleston, in Christian Index.

The First Church of Hattiesburg has called as pastor Rev. Jno. H. Buchanan of Paris, Tenn. As most of our readers know, he is a Mississippian, son of Rev. J. E. Buchanan of Blue Mountain and son-in-law of Dr. W. T. Lowrey. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College, and of the Louisville Seminary. He has had successful pastorates at Booneville in Mississippi and at Paris, Tenn. We hope he will be led back to Mississippi, where a host of friends will welcome him.

Budget Department

By J. S. Deaton, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

The Attitude of the Holy Spirit Toward Money

This is the age of the Holy Spirit. He came upon the church on the day of Pentecost. The purpose of His coming upon the church was to empower it. "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Upon Him the church must wait for power. Without His leading there can be no progress. The Spirit has declared Himself on the fundamentals. After He has spoken there is no room for debate.

Has He spoken on the question of money? If He has not, the money and the kingdom of God may or may not have any connection. If He has, then there is a vital connection, and the church must recognize this living connection. We believe that there is a vital connection. Consider with me the following points:

1. The Spirit Takes Possession of Money

The very first thing the Spirit did when He came in His fullness was to take possession of the disciples' money. "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and they sold their possessions and goods and parted to all according as any man had need." This was necessary in order that the development might be normal. It was necessary in order that He might possess the whole man; life and substance were inseparable.

Has the Spirit possession of your money? Has He ever had? If not, why not? Is it because you have not fully surrendered self and possessions unto Him? We sing, "Take My Silver And My Gold, Not One Mite Would I Withhold, Lord I Give Myself To Thee, Thine Forevermore To Be", very glibly, but do we really mean it? If the Holy Spirit had control of us and of our money today there would be no burdensome debts hanging over our institutions. There would be no clash between labor and capital. Instead of greed and covetousness being our master, we would be masters of self and possessions; instead of thinking and planning how we might spend it on ourselves, we would be planning how to extend the kingdom. What marvelous changes would take place if the Holy Spirit had His way with every redeemed man and control of all that with which God has entrusted us as stewards of His.

2. The Spirit Dispenses With Money

"But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have that give I thee." The Spirit would teach us a very important lesson here. He would impress the church with the fact that there is power above that of money. If the church is not a divine institution it is not worthy of the name. Upon this higher power must it constantly rely for its power. This is a truth that needs re-emphasizing in this day of materialism. We must never get away from the fact that nothing we may substitute for the Holy Spirit's power will suffice. But while this is true, we must not forget the other half of the truth: that God has entrusted us with means and we are to let the Holy Spirit have His way with all we possess, that He may dispose of it as seemeth good to Him. Money is power. The question, with which we are constantly confronted, is, shall our money be turned into the right channels of power, or shall we allow the devil to use it for wrong purposes? Shall money become a tool in our hands to work our undoing, or shall it be consecrated wholly unto God and used for righteous ends? This is the one big question confronting America today. May the Lord give us wisdom to see it!

3. The Spirit Tests Character by Means of Money

(Acts 5:1-11)

If the same tests were applied today which was applied to Ananias and Sapphira, how many

would be able to stand it? Men are tested at the money point every day. Can we be relied on all the way? There are calls coming from every side. The call of Missions; the call of benevolence; the call of education; the call to serve with our money these kingdom enterprises. Shall we meet the test, or shall we, like Ananias and Sapphira, let Satan put it into our hearts to lie to the Holy Spirit when he impresses us with our responsibilities; and leads us to keep back that part of our possessions which should be dedicated to God? I wonder if the Lord should deal with us today as He dealt with Ananias and Sapphira whether there would not be many funerals in the land? Money here was the testing point, and revealed their wicked hearts.

4. The Spirit Rejects Money

(Acts 8:9-21)

There are times when the church should reject money. No man should be able to purchase a place in the church. Why should a man, with a little money, be rated higher than others in the church? The Holy Spirit has declared Himself so clearly on the question of money that no one need be in the dark as to His attitude toward the money question. Can the church afford not to follow His clear teaching on this matter? We believe not to follow His leadership in this is a great sin, and mistake, and will bring upon us the condemnation of God. Let us open our eyes to the plain teachings of the Word of God in this, as in all other questions.

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Dormitory, accommodating about sixty; a small but convenient Infirmary, Library Building, altogether inadequate; Professors' homes and apartments for the accommodation of about sixty married student families. During the past year about \$50,000.00, provided in the Bond Issue, has been expended on the imperative improvement and enlargement of our property.

Our buildings, commodious as far as they go, and grounds, beautiful indeed, together with equipment, have cost in round numbers \$450,000.00, but are worth twice that amount for our purpose. The Institution has a bonded indebtedness of \$300,000.00 and current debt of \$10,000.00 and is dependent solely upon the Co-Operative Program for meeting all financial demands.

Our faculty and student body have had a normal and encouraging increase so that we now have thirteen professors and a number of instructors and tutors. We note with gratitude that all the men who have been members of the faculty are still with us, except the noble and beloved John T. Christian, who passed to his reward last December. The number of students enrolled the present session has reached two hundred and sixty-seven, representing twenty states and several foreign countries. Fifty took degrees, diplomas and certificates at the recent commencement.

The Baptist Bible Institute has, from the beginning, emphasized practical activities. The weekly report hour of services rendered by the Institute is an established custom in our institution. The report of the work done by students and faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute in 1925:

Number of meetings worked in, 423.

Addresses delivered, 15,863.

Persons dealt with religiously, 16,940.

Number professing conversion, 6,191.

Additions to churches, 2,741.

Additions by baptism, 1,971.

There seems to be a great discrepancy between the number of professions and the number of baptisms, but when you take into consideration

the peculiar conditions under which most of these labors were performed, there is every reason to thank God and take courage.

The faculty and students, aided by two generous friends and others, have secured a gospel bus called "The Baptist Evangel." This well equipped auto is of great practical value to our students in their religious activities. We, however, are in need of another bus of a similar kind which would cost at least \$1,250.00.

There is no one feature of our Institute life that makes a more profound impression upon our city than the activities of our practical workers with their music, their testimony and their godly lives.

We rejoice in the fact that the Baptist Bible Institute has made a noteworthy contribution to the creation of a Baptist spirit in New Orleans. During our brief history we have had a humble, but we trust, efficient, part in increasing the Baptist membership from 1200 to 4500 and our churches from six to fourteen. We have seen the Sunday schools, prayer meetings, church attendance and contributions increase five and even ten fold.

The Trustees have authorized the establishment of scholarships, tutorships and fellowships. First, scholarships, representing \$160.00 per year, or board, fuel and lights. The amount required for the endowment of a scholarship is \$3000.00. Second, tutorships of \$240.00 each or \$30.00 per month during the school term. The tutorships are given to ministerial students who hold college degrees. The amount required for the endowment of a tutorship is \$5000.00. Third, fellowships. A fellowship pays \$400.00 a year or \$50.00 per month for the session. In order to be awarded a fellowship, a student must hold a Bachelor's Degree from an approved college and have taken at least two years' work in a standard theological institution. Persons appointed to a fellowship assist in teaching in the regular course, and do advanced work in the institution. The amount required for the endowment of a fellowship is \$8000.00.

We have no endowment and are therefore dependent solely upon the proceeds of our Co-operative Program for support. Our actual needs for 1927 will be: For current support on present basis, \$94,500; interest on bonds for year, \$18,000; first payment on bonds due February 1, 1928, \$25,000; total of \$137,000 plus indebtedness that may accrue from carrying out our program as outlined for this year.

For the first time in our history the faculty has been invaded by the Angel of Death. Last December Dr. John T. Christian, scholar, teacher, preacher, writer and friend, was called to his reward. He had taught Christian History in the Baptist Bible Institute for six years—the ripest and most fruitful of his eventful life. Dr. J. E. Dean carried on Dr. Christian's work during the past session, and Dr. E. F. Haight has been elected to succeed our departed historian.

The Trustees have voted that there shall be erected at the Institute the John T. Christian Memorial Library Building, a worthy tribute to the man who gave 25,000 volumes to the Library and secured over 30,000 more, all of which are insecurely housed in crowded quarters. Several Trustees have volunteered subscriptions to the Memorial Library Fund, same to be due when plans mature for the erection of the building. Our present financial situation does not seem to permit a campaign for this purpose, and our allocation from Southwide funds is not sufficient for current obligations.

The urgent needs for immediate expansion are: A fire-proof library building; additional dormitory for women, as the President and some professors opened their homes to accommodate the overflow from the present dormitory; the first unit of an adequate men's dormitory; modern apartments for married students, and a new central heating plant. Our reliance is on God and the prayers and generosity of our Baptist people.

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the Brazilian and Portuguese mission fields last summer, which proved a very high point in the Convention. By request the President led the Convention in earnest prayer for blessings upon the great work of foreign missions.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session

This session opened with a devotional service led by Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky. The order being a further consideration of Foreign Missions, a number of special prayers were offered for this work. Special music was rendered by a chorus from the Central Church of this city and by Mr. Young, associated with Dr. Powell of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Report of the Committee on Preservation of Baptist History

Under miscellaneous business, Dr. A. J. Holt, Florida, asked the privilege of presenting the report of the Committee on Preservation of Baptist History. It was an earnest plea to institutions, secretaries and clerks of associations to not only make accurate records of activities but to put the same in permanent form and put them in a place of safe keeping. The age of Dr. Holt added force to the plea, he being 79 years of age, fifty-three of which have been in work among Southern Baptists and his life is closely interwoven in their history.

Returned Missionaries

The remainder of this session was given to hearing reports from the missionaries in attendance upon the Convention, being at home on furlough. Dr. T. B. Ray, of the F. M. Board, presented twenty of these, who brought intensely interesting accounts of their work. Among the twenty was Dr. Geo. Leavell, who four hours before had reached Houston from South China. He was driven out of China by the insurgents and his message thrilled the Convention.

The Koon Offer

Dr. Love read a letter from Bro. and Sister Koon of Florida, agreeing to contribute an amount sufficient to send out 25 new missionaries if Baptists will contribute a like amount. After a lengthy discussion of the present distressed condition of the F. M. Board it was decided the condition cannot be met and the Secretary of the Board is instructed to make suitable response to the letter. Some in the Convention proposed as a measure of relief of the debt on the Foreign Board the taking of a "love offering" at Christmas time, as this had been proposed by the good women of the South, they pledging \$300,000.00 for this purpose, but it was decided that this would be a breaking up of the denominational program. Dr. Love called for a dedication of all the energies to an emphasizing and carrying out of the program already proposed, which sets as the final goal the sum of \$9,000,000.00. With hands joined the great Convention joined in this dedication under a prayer led by Dr. L. J. Bristow, the presiding officer for the evening.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Dr. A. J. Dickinson, formerly pastor at Tupelo, but now of Newport News, Va., led this session in the devotional period. A part of the 15th chapter of John was read and a brief message was brought, emphasizing the necessity of brotherly love prevailing among us. Special music numbers were rendered by Bro. and Sister Stanley Armstrong and by a young Italian woman who sang in her native tongue.

Miscellaneous Business

Under the head of miscellaneous business the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher of the next Convention reported as follows: Time, May 4th, 1927; Place, in the Armory, Louisville, Ky.; Preacher of the Convention sermon, Dr. Wallace Bassett, Texas; Alternate, Dr. J. R. Jester, North Carolina.

Report of the Committee to Nominate Boards
Under this report the member from Mississippi

of each of the Boards of the Convention remain the same as at present.

W. M. U. Report

The report on W. M. U. work as presented by Dr. W. M. Seay of Georgia, covers a period of only eight months because the year was changed to correspond with the calendar year. This, however, has been a period of remarkable achievements. Engaged in personal work were 6,045 organizations, 5,005 committees and 46,504 members, which conducted 22,219 religious services, distributed 14,346 Bibles or portions thereof and 3,485,455 other pieces of religious literature, and won 7,228 souls to Christ.

Mission study also received large emphasis during the eight months period, a total of 13,585 mission study classes having been conducted and 80,874 seals awarded for the completion of specified courses. Of the classes, 4,010 were among the young people. The organization reports a total of 10,623 Woman's Missionary Societies and 12,321 Auxiliary Young People's organizations.

Much and effective work has been done in the Good Will Centers in the large cities and among the newly arrived immigrants and other persons of foreign birth.

Large encouragement has been given by the organization to the enlistment of women as practiced tithers and their total contributions for the year are reported at \$2,138,248.00. To the love offering for foreign missions the women contributed \$306,375.00; to the building fund of the S. B. T. Seminary, \$107,058.00 was given. The total expenses of the conducting of the W. M. U. work throughout the South was less than 2 per cent of the funds contributed by the local societies to the work of the five Southwide boards of the Convention, the report sets forth.

The Union owns and operates the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, valued at \$285,000.00, where young women are trained for the mission fields and other definite lines of Christian service. Through the Margaret Fund the Union has kept in Baptist schools during the year a total of 69 sons and daughters of missionaries on foreign fields.

The Convention joined the women in singing their hymn, "Give the Tithe", and the report was forcefully discussed by Dr. Seay. The President of the Convention invited Mrs. W. J. Cox, the President of the W. M. U., to come to the rostrum to be introduced to the body, but she modestly declined and received recognition as she arose on the floor.

Report of the Annuity Board

According to the report of the Annuity Board presented by Dr. W. M. Lunsford there has been paid to relief beneficiaries \$125,938.23 and to annuity beneficiaries \$15,874.08, making a total of \$141,827.31. A total of 1,182 beneficiaries are now on the rolls of the relief department of the Board, including 611 ministers, 424 widows and 150 dependent children. During the past year 164 new names were added to the rolls and death reduced the rolls by 85. The total resources of the relief department are reported at \$554,180.60 and of the annuity department \$1,687,144.44, making the total assets of the Board \$2,241,225.04. The Board received during the year from Mr. Jno. D. Rockefeller an additional gift of \$100,000.00. The report on review of the report was presented by Ex. Gov. Pat M. Neff, Texas, who spoke to the report and it was adopted.

National Baptist Memo. Report

This is a report of the committee intrusted with the task of erecting a great memorial church in the city of Washington. The report was presented by Dr. B. D. Gray of the Home Board, which is behind the movement. Encouraging progress is being made according to the report.

Religious Press

The report of the Committee on the Denominational Press was made by Dr. J. S. Compere, Arkansas. Among the things for consideration in the report were: (1) The circulation is en-

tirely too small; (2) Only 1 in 6 Baptists in the South ever read a Baptist paper; (3) The circulation now, proportionately, is not as large as issued at a loss; (5) A campaign of increased circulation should be inaugurated which will be expensive and since the different Boards are the beneficiaries, these should bear this circulation expense; (6) The month of September is designated as denominational paper month; (7) The appointment of a commission composed of Drs. E. P. Alldredge, C. E. Burt and J. S. Compere, who shall make a complete survey of the paper situation and make report one year hence.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session

Dr. Joseph Boone, Texas, led this session in an opening devotional service, reading from the 14th chapter of Luke, bringing a lesson on cross bearing. Mrs. Boone sang "The Old Rugged Cross".

Memorials

After the disposition of several miscellaneous matters of business the Committee on Memorials made report through Dr. J. E. Dillard of Alabama. Tributes were paid Drs. A. C. Dixon, Russell H. Conwell, W. W. Landrum, J. F. Purser, W. B. Crumpton, W. B. Riley and J. T. Christian, who have passed away since the last Convention.

Report of the Inter-Board Commission

This report is that of work done among the students in the various schools in the Convention's territory. This work is under the direction of Mr. Frank Leavell, of Memphis, Tenn., who made the report. There are 90,000 students in the Baptist colleges of the South and of such importance is this work regarded that many of the State Boards are sponsoring a definite program among the college students of their states. This program seeks to promote the religious and social welfare as well as the educational efficiency of the students, in the hope of developing them into trained church workers when they go out into active life. In the furtherance of the commission's program a total of 14 state student conferences were held last fall within a period of 58 days, reaching practically all the institutions in the various states. Three young men bore testimony to efficient work being done in the colleges they represented, one from Tennessee, one from Texas and one from Mississippi, our own Merrill D. Moore. A quartette from the A. and M. College of Texas sang very effectively "Nearer My God To Thee", and as an encore "My Anchor Holds".

Home Mission Report

The report of the committee on review of the Home Mission Board's report was read by Dr. E. A. Fuller, superintendent of the Evangelistic department of the Board. The work of the Board during the past year has had to be carried on under a greatly reduced budget because of a decline in the receipts from the churches, yet, notwithstanding, many gratifying results were achieved.

The 833 missionaries of the Board reported, among their other achievements, the supplying of 2,027 churches and stations, assisting in 5,053 religious meetings, the baptism of 19,774 converts, reception into the churches of 35,255 additions, organization of 100 new churches and 458 Sunday Schools, and the building or improvement of 402 church houses.

At present the Home Board's indebtedness is \$1,343,275.04, the report showed. Of this amount \$889,265.00 is represented by current notes at the banks, \$174,010.00 by deferred loans and \$280,000.00 by bonds. The board is issuing bonds on some of its other property to secure ready cash with which to meet its immediate obligations at the banks. The report was discussed by Drs. J. W. Beagle, R. A. Bateman and F. C. McConnell and the consideration was suspended to be resumed at the evening session to hear reports from the missionaries of the Board.

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B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"
Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary

Pascagoula B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. at Pascagoula is working earnestly to be A-1. And at the rate they are going it won't be long. They are doing splendid work, and one thing that will help them is the officers' council. They are having their first one this week. Several of the members attended the B. Y. P. U. Conference at East Moss Point and were greatly benefited.

The new officers that are elected in the Senior Union are as follows: President, A. L. Flurry; Vice-President, Ethel Mae Morris; Sec., Betty Mae Goff; Cor. Sec., Gladys Quinn; Treas., Irene Southern; Chorister, Aline Jones; Pianist, Sharlie Treherne; Bible Reader Leader, Mrs. C. M. Morris; Group Captains, Alberta Pope and Nell Quinn, and the General Director, W. R. Prouse.

Merigold B. Y. P. U. Promoting B. Y. P. U. Extension

We are always glad to have a word from a B. Y. P. U. that is looking beyond its own doors and doing what it can to establish the work in other churches. A word from Mrs. W. L. Malley of Merigold tells of the Merigold B. Y. P. U. going to Sandy Bayou and giving a program looking forward to the organization of a B. Y. P. U. in that church. Mrs. T. W. Carter and Mrs. John Brock were elected to finish the organization and we look forward to being able to report a thriving B. Y. P. U. there right soon.

Request From Lucedale

Lucedale is the convention city for District Three this year, and they are making ready for the convention and in order that everybody may be well taken care of they are asking that every church in the district report to them just how many will attend the convention from their church. If you will send this information as soon as possible to Mr. L. J. Jagger, Lucedale, Miss., he will appreciate it. Bro. Jagger is B. Y. P. U. Director at Lucedale and he wants every B. Y. P. U. represented at the convention and wants you to have the best possible entertainment and feels that your sending him this information will help them to provide in the best way for the delegates.

Columbus B. Y. P. U. of First Church Observes Sacrifice Week

Recently the B. Y. P. U.'s of First Church, Columbus, observed "Sacrifice Week" and the members that were willing did without things that they usually spend their money for and gave it to missions. This was just for a week, but the results were \$25.00. The young people who made these sacrifice offerings were stronger Christians for the experi-

ence, and the money went to bless the world, so a two fold blessing was wrought by the experience. We commend these young people for their fine spirit.

Lowndes County B. Y. P. U.'s to Have County Wide Camp

The Baptist young people of Lowndes County are planning for a county wide camp beginning August 30 and lasting five days. The camp will be what we are calling "County Assemblies" in some counties and will be a week spent in study and recreation, with inspirational addresses morning and evening. This is a fine idea and we are glad to see this county assembly or camp idea developing over the state. What county will be the next to report your plans for such a meeting? It is a good thing for the young as well as the older people of a county to come together for a week and learn to know each other better. It will mean a step in the right direction toward solving some of the problems we now face.

Some one has said that we ought to be as sensible in our religion as we are in our education. They meant that we have proved the value of consolidating schools, and if it is good for schools, why would it not be good for churches? Good roads, automobiles will make possible consolidated churches with a full time pastor, well equipped church building and a worthy program for Kingdom advancement.

June 15 to July 2

Six District B. Y. P. U. Conventions will be held in Mississippi between June 15 and July 2. The first of these conventions will be for District Three, opening at four o'clock at Water Valley, June 15th, Tuesday. The second will open at four o'clock June 17th, at Eupora. The third will open at four o'clock June 22nd, at Lucedale. The fourth will open at Magnolia at four o'clock June 24th. The fifth will open at four o'clock June 29th, at Drew. The sixth will open at four o'clock July 1st at Jackson.

The convention as stated above will open in each district at four o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the convention and will continue until four thirty the second day. Programs will be mailed to you. We are expecting to have a missionary at each of the conventions. We are expecting perhaps the largest attendance at each of these meetings that we have ever had. We want you all to come and get the blessing that awaits you there.

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BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
161 Eighth Ave., N.
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BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Where Will You Spend Your Vacation?

A fine place for you to spend your vacation will be on the Mississippi coast. The Baptist Assembly is the attraction this year and we want you to take advantage of the good program we have planned and at the same time have a fine recreational week of it. The rates will be \$1.75 a day if you stay through the entire assembly, so come to stay to the bitter end and get everything offered. Watch for announcements of the program. We will say here that Dr. Tidwell of Baylor will be with us as one of the outstanding speakers; Mr. McKinney of Southwestern Seminary will have charge of the music; Mr. Wm. E. Rhodes of El Dorado, Ark., will have charge of the recreation. Other speakers and workers will be announced later. Save your money and come along with us.

That Summer Union

If your B. Y. P. U. "Died" during the winter and is just the kind that has a summer life, it's time now to revive it, for summer is here. Schools are out, and so is the sun so let's reorganize our B. Y. P. U. and this time let's organize it that next winter when time comes for us to "go into winter quarters"

we won't have to but can keep on keeping on.

In Virginia there is a parson who calmly asserts, after every hair-raising story related to him, "Pretty bad, but it might have been worse."

One man in the town spent a lot of time making up stories of lurid hue, thinking finally to tell one that would stump the old parson.

One day he met the cleric on the street and said, "Parson, I dreamed I died last night and went to hell."

"Goodness," came the reply, "That's bad—but it might have been worse."

"Yes," said the layman. "I dreamed I found you down there."

"Humph, pretty bad—but it might have been worse."

The story-teller was not a little miffed that the parson should still contend that things might have been even worse than that, and with some heat asserted, "I thought I had you where you couldn't make that reply—how could it have been worse?"

Said the parson with a smile, "It might have been true!"—Churchman.

Small Boy: "What's the use of washing my hands before I go to school, mother? I'm not one of those who are always raising them."

Sunday School Department

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 23

R. A. Venable

Isaac and His Wells. Gen. 26:12-25

Introduction: There are marked differences in the character of Abraham, and that of Isaac, his son. The son is so completely overshadowed by the greatness of the father that one can scarcely think of Isaac as other than an insignificant personage among the Patriarchs who became the progenitors, and the glory of the Israelitish nation. His history and achievements are disappointing in comparison with the illustrious achievements of Abraham, whose personality is commanding as a formative force in the world's history. The minor achievements of Isaac and the absence of those sterling qualities which shine with undimmed luster in the character of Abraham, Jacob and other notable worthies of the Bible, viewed in the light of the circumstances of his birth and the notable parentage of which he came are as disappointing as they are surprising. "Isaac's life is", as Delitzsch remarks, "the echo of the life of Abraham". "His character was dwarfed by growing up under the shadow of his great father. Sons may follow even a good example to their own damage; for their own faculties suffer from not being allowed free exercise." (Marcus Dods.) Prof. Sampey sums up the character of Isaac in a few brief sentences. "Isaac was a youth of quiet habits. He was not strong and aggressive like Abraham and Jacob. He grieved much over the death of his mother. He was meditative and prayerful. His life is an echo of the life of Abraham. All his vibrations arise from the powerful impulses given in the life of Abraham." But Isaac was large enough and strong enough for the accomplishment of the purpose for which God called him. He did exemplify some of the highest excellencies to be found in the life and character of God's chosen ones. He possessed the quality of patience and long suffering in the exercise of which he overcame evil with good. Our Lesson is an account of his splendid victory over an enemy, with no other weapon than that of patient enduring of wrong. There was a famine in the land where Isaac was residing, making it necessary for him to move elsewhere. A similar famine forced Abraham and Lot to go down to Egypt; later on also Jacob and his sons were driven to Egypt in search of bread. Isaac went to Geror in the country of the Philistines whose king was Abimelech where Abraham had sojourned possibly eight years before. Abimelech was king then, probably the father of the king of the same name in Isaac's time. Isaac seemed to have formed the purpose to go down into Egypt as his father Abraham had

done. But the Lord bade his migration to Egypt and assured him that the promises made Abraham would be realized unto him and his seed after him. (See 26:1-5.) This is one of the two manifestations of Jehovah to Isaac of which we have any account. The tranquil terror of his life, perhaps obviated the necessity for repeated manifestations as in the case of Abraham. In this land of the Philistines, our Lesson gives us a bit of Isaac's history.

1. "And Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year an hundred fold; and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and grew more and more until he became very great, and he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds and a great household; and the Philistines envied him. Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham, his father, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them with earth." (Vers. 12-15.) Previously Isaac had more or less a nomad life, and now turns his attention to agriculture, from which he received an abundant yield. He probably had only annual tenancy of the fertile soil which he sowed to grain, as there is no evidence that he held it by right of purchase. As an heir to the inheritance promised to Abraham and his seed had not yet passed to his possession. He grew in wealth, power and influence to an extent which inspired the Philistines with envy and aroused them to open hostility. The method adopted to drive him from the land was to cut off the water supply by filling up the wells, from which he watered his flocks and herds. These wells had been dug by Abraham and were of right the possession of Isaac according to a covenant made between Abraham and Abimelech, probably the father of the king of Philistia in Isaac's time. Isaac, confident of the promise of God, and natural aversion to strife and conflict, patiently moved his rights. Conscious of the rectitude of his course, he waited for God to vindicate the cause of justice. His example is worthy of all emulation; to overcome evil with good. The spirit of the sermon on the mount bulked large in the conduct of Isaac.

2. "And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. And Isaac departed thence and encamped in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham, his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names for which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of springing water. And the herdsmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdsmen, saying the water is ours. And he

called the name of the well Esek; because they contended with him. And he dug another well, and they strive for that also; and he called the name of it Sitnah." (Vers. 16-21.) The language of Abimelech is not that of entreaty, "Go from us", but is rather a command, and carried the implication that Abimelech instigated the outbreak of hostilities amongst his people against Isaac and his servants. Isaac may have remonstrated and protested against this outrage, but there is no show of resistance. He quietly departs from Gerar and pitches his tent in the valley of Gerar in the region occupied by Abraham, a century before. No sooner than Isaac opened up the wells dug by Abraham while tenting in the land, hostilities broke out again. Isaac's rights to these wells were denied and in the interest of peace, Isaac again waived his rightful claims. Not because of his inability to enforce his rights by a resort to arms, but because of his patient meekness, exemplifying the truth of our Lord's words, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth". After repeated exhibitions of hostility, which compelled Isaac to pitch his tent elsewhere in the interest of peace, he finally passed over the line of contested territory, and dug a well, to which the Philistines laid no claim.

3. "And he removed from thence and dug another well, and for that they strove not; and he called the name Rehoboth; and he said, for now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. And he went up from thence to Beersheba." (Vers. 22-23.) Through all the turmoil and strife Isaac's faith was controlling, and his outlook hopeful. He was committed to the policy of living, so far as in him lay, at peace with all men, leaving it to Jehovah to right his wrongs. The situation was difficult and the problem pressing for solution. He did not undertake to solve by putting his forces against that of his enemy, but quietly retreated before the face of the foe. Many a deadly encounter could have been avoided if either one of the contestants had had the wisdom and moral courage to endure the wrong and retire from the field of strife. "Peace at any price" is a bad formula. Peace at the cost of carnage, and death deprives it of its value. The last well sunk by Isaac, he called Rehoboth, saying, "For now the Lord hath made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land". Isaac's patience, perseverance and peaceful policy and abiding confidence in the providential guidance of the Lord were rewarded. He had come into a broad place where tranquility and prosperity were assured him. How many men have thrown away every possibility of prosperity, happiness and usefulness by some rash and impulsive act in vindication of their rights. Not so with Isaac, who was willing to endure wrong, possessing his soul in patience till the dawning of a brighter day.

4. "And he went up from thence to Beersheba. And the Lord ap-

peared upon him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham, thy father; fear not, for I am with thee and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for thy servant Abraham's sake. And he builded an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well." (Vers. 23-25.) Why Isaac moved from Rehoboth to Beersheba, we are not told. There may be sacred associations connected with that place, since it was once the residence of Abraham, there was the covenant made between Abraham and Abimelech, there Abraham had planted a tamarisk tree and called there upon the name of the Lord. (See 21:32-34.) Whether these sacred memories drew Isaac to Beersheba or whether he was led by a divine impulse must remain a matter of conjecture. On the night of his arrival in Beersheba the Lord appeared unto him. This second divine manifestation is very similar to those made to Abraham; and is intended to confirm Isaac's faith in the promises which the Lord had made to give that whole land to the Patriarch and his seed. God does not forget his promises, though he sometimes delays a long time their fulfillment. He appears as the God of Abraham, though that Patriarch had been gathered to his fathers, death had not broken the relation between him and God. Abraham was still alive to God. This covenant and abiding relation came to full expression in God's language to Isaac now at Beersheba. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All live unto him. Death may change man's mode of being and the place of his habitation, but does not break his relation to God, and does not nullify God's promise to his chosen. His language to Isaac was an assurance that God was mindful of his promises to Abraham and his seed, and that sometime in his own good time these promises would come to the fullest fruition.

Isaac's gratitude to Jehovah for the renewal of these promises became manifest. 1. He built an altar to the Lord. 2. He called upon the name of the Lord. 3. He pitched his tent and dug a well significant of his purpose to abide there where the hallowed associations would be the constant reminders of Jehovah's goodness to him, and ever keep fervent his spirit of devotion.

STRONG HOPE—BETHEL—PEARL VALLEY

We are now located on our new field—Strong Hope and Bethel half time each, and Pearl Valley for one Sunday afternoon.

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We are hoping to accomplish much this year.

Yours in the work,
Jas. A. Chapman.

**JOTTINGS FROM LOUISVILLE,
KENTUCKY**

"It's done for." The session of 1925-26 of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School closed Monday night, May 3, with its Nineteenth Commencement. The Heck Memorial Chapel was crowded. Of the awards given, one received the degree of M. M. T., 48 the degree of B. M. One received the W. M. U. Nurse's Certificate, 27 Certificates were awarded, and 16 Certificates for Church and Educational Secretary. Mississippians are interested in these with special interest in the following: Miss Edna Earl Evers, B. M. T., C. for C. & E. S., Miss Evie K. Landrum, Certificate, and Mrs. May Bland Winstead, B. M. T. Misses Evers and Landrum have returned to Mississippi, while Mrs. Winstead remains in Kentucky with Mr. Winstead, who is one of the pastors of the state.

Mrs. W. J. Cox, Memphis, Tenn., President of the Woman's Missionary Union, addressed the class with very apt and well directed remarks.

The 1926 Annual Commencement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was held this time in its own hall, and the Temporary Chapel again proved to be far too small to accommodate the crowd. The members of the graduating class were allowed seats for not more than three visitors and special friends of the occasion. These and seats for the class required about 500 of the 600 capacity of the hall. We will not say anything about the tired feet of those who stood and the disappointment of those who were turned away at the door.

The exercises were spread out over several days. April 25, 3 P. M., Rev. W. S. Abernathy, D. D., Washington, D. C., preached the Baccalaureate Sermon. Monday, April 26, 10:30 A. M., Closing exercises of the Society for Missionary Inquiry, and Missionary Address by Rev. J. W. Gillon, D. D., Winchester, Ky. Monday, April 26, 7:30 P. M., Alumni Address by Rev. Norman W. Cox, Th. D., Savannah, Ga. Tuesday through Friday examinations were held, then we rested and breathed a sigh of relief as we saw our names posted as passed, "those who did", as Dr. Robertson would say. During the session 392 students enrolled; 111 graduated as follows:

Graduates of Theology. Th.G.

Previous graduates this session	3
Graduating this term.....	18
Eligible, but not present to receive diploma.....	2
	23

Bachelor of Theology. Th.B.

Previous graduates this session	1
Graduates this term.....	21
Eligible, not present to receive diploma	2
	24

Masters of Theology. Th.M.

Previous graduates this session	3
Graduating this term.....	53
Eligible, not present to receive diploma.....	1
	57

Doctor of Theology Th.M.	
Graduating this term.....	6
Not present to Rec. Diploma..	1
Total.....	111

Addresses from Full Graduates were delivered at follows: Martin George Friden, Sweden, "Jesus' Law of Love and Race Relations"; Albert Spencer Hale, Tennessee, "The Personal Element in Soul-Winning"; M. Ray McKay, Missouri, "The Challenge of the Treadmill"; Coy Muckle, Arkansas, "Positive Preaching".

—J. H. Gunn.

PRAYER AND CONFESSION

We are living in an age which demands extreme care. That we are about to face a supreme crisis seems evident. Men differ as to what the crisis is, and as to its cause; but most all who are not asleep feel and realize that a crisis is just ahead of us. (I have reference, of course, to our work as Southern Baptists.) It is the care that I have for the churches that causes me to write this. That divisions exist among us no one will deny. Some are praising Scarborough. Some idealize Truett. Others say I am with Paul. Still others say "I am for Christ". It reminds one of the condition at Corinth when Paul was so carefully and earnestly laboring among them. If we could only get it into our minds that we are not followers of men, but "laborers together with God"; that we are God's building, and the foundation which has been laid for us to build upon is Christ; I say, if we could realize this as we should, we would evidently be more careful what kind of material we use in our building. So that when it is tried as by fire, at least, some of our work would stand the test. So many of our churches are withholding their support from our organized work; others are so slow about making their pledges that it shows extreme indifference. There are some among us, who are using their influence, for all it is worth, to tear down and destroy all the good that we are doing; because they see some evil things that are among us. And strange as it may seem, they are our brethren, and not only so, but they are the very kind we need most, because it is evident that the most of our brethren that have withdrawn their support are Baptists who are sound in the fundamental doctrines of the gospel of Christ. Others who are more considerate are continuing their support, but are heaping up, and pouring out derogatory remarks about our work; criticizing and condemning everything we do, never mentioning anything good we are doing. Their influence is being felt and it is hurting our work. I noticed an editorial from a good brother, and an enthusiastic worker who published a paper in Kentucky. Commenting on our work he said in part (referring to our 75 million campaign): "Men did the planning, men of ability chosen to put it over; a graded ministry", etc. He seems to be glorying in the fact that we failed to raise the 75 million dollars. And he even ventures to intimate that he is the embodiment of all the

wisdom among all Southern Baptists by claiming to know that God purposely caused it to fail, because it was planned by man (as he claimed) without having God in it.

Now brethren there is utterly a fault among us, and it is among all of us. When we try to lay all the blame on one brother or a group of brethren, then we are doing wrong. We all have faults, but we cannot see our own because we are too busy looking at others. And to make matters still worse, there are so many among us who only see the good things we are doing, and refuse to see any evil tendencies among us; and on account of their great zeal, they are willing to put up with any kind of methods, whether they are right or wrong. They seem to care nothing about the heresy among us; they do not seem to be—in the least—interested in the kind of doctrine that is being preached or taught in the schools, whether it is sound and fundamental, or whether it is corrupt and modern. All they want is money! Money!! Money!!! And because some of the brethren are particular about what their money goes to support they laugh them to scorn and call them trouble makers and dogmatists. Now these men are honest, and very zealous; willing to sacrifice even to their own hurt for the cause of Christ (as they think). But they seem to think that the cause of Christ consists principally of money getting. So they lose sight of the need of sound preaching and teaching as well. They are not hypocrites, but are weak brethren. But the worst feature of it all is, that we also have among us wolves in sheep's clothing.

And while the brethren are discussing and disagreeing, and each working for what he thinks is right and best, these wolves are the only ones among us who keep perfectly quiet. They appear to the world to be the best sheep among us, because they will not fight. These men are not, all, openly avowed modernists. No, they are too wise to come out in the open. But secretly they are working every scheme in their power to turn all our work into the hands of modernists. And gradually they are gaining ground in our schools and other places; and if something is not done we will fall easy victims into their hands as prey. What must we do?

Let's go down on our knees, first acknowledging our faults, and our sins, with humility and unto fasting; and put away this division and strife from among us. Then all pray and work together, and see if God will not deliver us, as he did the Jews from the hand of that wicked Haman.

Then after humbling ourselves in prayer, then rise up with the strength of God and put these wicked enemies of truth, wolves in sheep's clothing, modernists and semi-modernists, away from us.

Then we may expect unity among the brethren; and our funds will pile up until we cannot use all the offerings.

—J. E. Heath.

WINONA

My reports from our church have heretofore been by the suggestion of our pastor, Rev. V. E. Boston, but he is attending the Southern Baptist Convention this week, and I will, of my own accord, tell you of our work here.

Our dining-room, kitchen and three class rooms in our basement have been finished and in use, some time ago, and we find them of much value to our work.

We have recently sold our pastor's home and bought a beautiful corner lot, some nearer the church, and the plans are drawn for a modern bungalow to be erected within the next two months.

All the different organizations of our church are in good running order. The mothers of the church have recently organized a "Mothers' Club" and meet monthly.

Our Elementary Leader in the Sunday School attended the meeting at McComb and returned with new ideas and is putting them into effect. Our W. M. U. Leader has been sick for quite a while, but the Union is now at work with new enthusiasm and on the first Monday in June they are planning a general rally of all the unions in Montgomery Association. They have recently sent a box of clothing to the Indians in South Mississippi.

Our Sunbeams have a newly elected leader, and are taking on a "new shine".

Our three sections of the B. Y. P. U. are all doing fine work and we are to have a B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Institute and training school.

On July 4th, our pastor begins his annual series of meetings. He will do the preaching himself—with the "Miss. Quartette" of New Orleans to do the singing.

We rejoice to say that Mrs. Boston's health is very greatly improved, and she is now able to take part in our church activities.

Our pastor has recently had a very flattering call to the Indianola church, but felt that his work with us, under God, was not finished, so we rejoice that he will remain with us, and under his ministry we hope to attempt great things for God.

We will be so glad to have the editor of the Record make us a visit and pass judgment on the work in the Master's vineyard, in our midst, but "God forbid that we should glory, save in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ".

—Mrs. Ida Barlow Trotter,
Church Reporter.

It was a dark night and the cyclist was lost. Presently he saw a sign on a post.

With great difficulty he climbed the post, struck a match, and read, "Wet Paint."

"My boy Ben's got a grand old job now", said the village prune sampler. "Savin' money hand over fist."

"Yep?" said the grocer. "What's Ben doin'?"

"He works all night and saves his lodgin', and then sleeps all day and saves his grub."

MISSISSIPPI LEADS IN WORLD RECORD GRADUATING CLASS
Chas. F. Leek, Publicity Secretary

Fifteen ministerial students from Mississippi were in the world record 1926 graduating class of ministers awarded degrees by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mississippi beat Kentucky by eleven. The Mississippians formed the largest group from any one state to get degrees at the commencement exercises that brought to a close the sixty-seventh session of the Seminary and which marked the first commencement in the new suburban home of the Louisville school. There were twenty states and five foreign countries represented among the graduates.

Mississippi College also stood second among the one hundred and forty-five educational institutions represented on the roster with thirty-two. And Mississippi was second among the thirty-three states and nine foreign nations represented in the entire student body of the year with thirty-five. Kentucky, with sixty-five, was first.

The Mississippians receiving degrees were: Doctor in Theology, J. S. Riser; Masters in Theology, C. L. Breland, F. J. Chastain, R. M. Dykes, G. H. George, N. G. Hickman, T. L. Sasser, W. S. Smith, W. M. Taylor, J. C. Wells, G. F. Winstead; Graduates in Theology: W. S. Bullard, D. O. Horne, E. H. McElroy, S. W. Rogers.

There were 392 licensed or ordained ministers enrolled for the session. At the conclusion of this the sixty-seventh session of the Seminary the Seminary had, therefore, established a new mark with an average annual enrollment of 421 for the last five sessions.

The capacity of the new buildings of the Seminary will provide for about twice as many students as heretofore enrolled. In the dormitory each man is provided with a private room newly equipped and with running hot and cold water. Two apartment houses for married students with ninety efficiency apartments are being erected with all possible speed and are expected ready for occupancy by the opening of the next session.

LOOKING TOWARD NURSING

At this season of the year many young women getting out of High School are looking toward the next step in life's career. Many, no doubt, are looking toward matrimony, but a number are considering an occupation of some kind. A number, with deep conviction for Christian service will turn toward nursing. Just now there is a fine opportunity for entering training at the Baptist Memorial Hospital. Some time ago there was a waiting list, but recently there is need for more nurses, and qualified applicants can be admitted at once. There is room for forty pupils in the school. Forty will graduate on May 28th. The heavy patronage since the first of the year, averaging over 1,000 per month, and the construction of the

four hundred thousand dollar addition to the hospital, already voted by the trustees, make a considerable addition to the nursing force highly necessary.

Let those interested bear in mind the conditions of entrance: Good health and character, at least two years high school education, age 18 to 35, a liking for the work, and an understanding that it takes work to train to be a nurse. A pupil in a training school cannot loaf nor trifle.

Pastors and doctors will do well to bring this opportunity to the attention of young women who might be interested.

The Houghly Dockery Home furnishes most excellent living conditions for pupils in the school. They are furnished instruction, board, room, uniforms, text-books, medical attention, as needed, and an allowance that is increased each year. Let those interested write Miss Myrtle Archer, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

—M. D. Jeffries.

THE LEAST OF THESE

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink," "Greaser," and "Nigger," and "Jap."

The devil invented these terms, I think,

To hurl at each hopeful chap
Who comes so far over the foam
To this land of his heart's desire,
To rear his brood, to build his home,
And to kindle his hearthstone fire.
While all the eyes with joy are blurred,

Lo! we make the strong man sink,
And stab the soul, with the hateful word,

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink."

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink,"
These are the vipers that swarm
Up from the edge of perdition's brink,

To hurt and dishearten and harm.
Oh, shame, when their Roman fathers walked

Where the first of the Caesars trod;

Oh, shame, when their Hebrew fathers talked

With Moses, and he with God.
These swarthy sons of Japhet and Shem

Gave the goblet of Life's sweet drink

To the thirsty world, which now gives them

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink."

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink," "Greaser," and "Nigger," and "Jap";

From none of them doth Jehovah shrink.

He lifteth them all to his lap,
And the Christ, in his kingly grace,

When their low, sad sob he hears,
Puts his tender embrace around the race

As he kisses away its tears,
Saying, "Oh, least of these, I link

Thee to me for whatever may hap,"

"Dago," and "Sheeney," and "Chink,"

"Greaser," and "Nigger," and "Jap."

—Bishop McIntyre.

CLARKE COLLEGE

The Clarke College Ministerial Association met May 14, 1926, and rendered a very interesting and instructive program before the student body. This is the last program that will be given during this session and was specially prepared and carried through with a strong devotional tone.

An outline of the program is as follows:

1. Devotional—Rev. H. H. Bethune.
2. Function of the Ministerial Association—Rev. C. J. Johnston.

3. Our Personal Example of Christianity—Rev. J. E. McCraw.

4. How Can I Represent Christ During the Summer?—Rev. W. P. Davis.

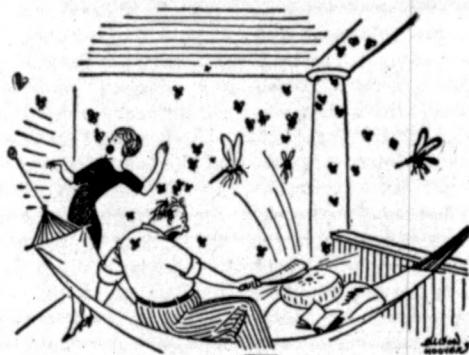
We pray God's blessings upon the ministers of this and other associations as they go out in their summer's work.

—Robt. C. Bounds, Reporter.

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By R. L. Breland

"Faith of Our Fathers"

In a service recently the choir sang "Faith of Our Fathers". E'er since that night the age-old song has been ringing in my ears. "Faith of Our Fathers"! What was the faith of our fathers? Was it different from the faith of their sons and daughters? If so, in what particular did it differ from the faith of today? We all know that faith in God in all ages must be the same—confidence and loving trust in the one and only true and living Jehovah.

Yes, that is true, and yet there may be a variation of degrees of faith, perhaps, or a true faith and a false faith. Just what is included in the term "Faith of Our Fathers"? I do not know, but whatever it is let us look at the faith of our fathers and then we may be able to make a comparison with the faith of the present generation.

We like to think of the "fathers" as a superior race. In fact, we make heroes of those who have gone before us: George Washington never told a lie, Abe Lincoln was a model Christian, Jeff Davis was perfection, John Wesley never did wrong, and so on. I am not much to believe too strongly in those "angel" stories of those men, as much as I love and admire them, but I am inclined to believe that they were "just boys" and that they had their fun, told their fibs, played hookey just like all of us. Even not all of our fathers had any faith at all, but many of them, if what we have been told is to be believed, died without hope and without God.

But many of our fathers did have faith. Judging from what they have left us as a heritage their faith must have been a faith of courage. It was faith that moved them to leave their homeland across the sea and come to America, then a howling wilderness infested with ferocious wild beasts and blood-thirsty savages. They came seeking a place to worship God in peace. Faith gave them courage to dare all for God and His worship.

And again the "Faith of Our Fathers" must have been a faith that worked. The wilderness soon became a plantation, the savages were conquered and Christianized, the wild beasts were driven out, churches and school houses were planted on every hill and the gospel was preached. Our fathers were more zealous, I fear, than we; they traveled day and night on foot or on horse-back preaching the Word and thousands were converted. This was largely without money and without price. They loved God, therefore they loved the souls of men.

Having a working faith, they had a living faith, for John says, "Faith without works is dead". A living faith is all-powerful; we read its

record of achievements in Hebrews, 11th chapter, how that wonders had been wrought through men and women who had faith. No wonder, then, that our fathers and mothers transformed the wilderness into a garden, converted the savages into a peaceable citizen and made America an Eden for their children.

Last of all their faith was a faith in the living God and His Book, the Bible. There was no denying, explaining away or throwing doubt on the dear old Book. Then it meant what it said and said what it meant. They had power with God and power with men. With a faith like that well may we sing and rejoice in "The Faith of Our Fathers". Now make your own comparison.

Mrs. Breland has been in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, for three weeks. The management treated us royally. This is especially true of Dr. Jeffries, the pastor, and Doctors Bethea, Herring, McElroy and Campbell, who did professional work for us. It is a great institution.

Dr. J. B. DeGarmo has just closed a good revival with Pastor Oakley at Prescott Memorial Church and will begin one with Pastor E. J. Hill at Merton Avenue soon. Rev. W. W. Grafton, now pastor at Lambert, will lead the music in the latter.

Glad to note the success being achieved by Rev. J. E. McCraw at Clarke Memorial College. He was a member of the debating team that won over the State Teachers' College and was given varsity, along with A. D. Bassett, J. M. Spikes and others.

Sorry to miss the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, but glad to see that body put its foot on the neck of the evolution serpent just the same. The Kingdom is coming.

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The fisherman replied that he did not.

"Well, I'm the fish and game warden."

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It had no effect upon the native, but upon the poor little Cockney just the reverse. In a whining voice, full of fear, he cried:

"Wot was that?"

"An owl, you idiot," came the gruff retort.

"Garn, yer mug," retorted the other. "I know it was an 'owl, but who the dickens was it as was 'owling?"

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M. S. C. W. News Notes

"I Walked In, And—"

Today about noon I walked into the reading room of the Workshop and caught five or six girls practicing the peppiest song I've heard yet. It was Marynel Williams with her selected cast, getting ready for Saturday's pep program. And they wouldn't even let me listen—for it's to be Saturday's surprise. I can wait.

About ten minutes after four I walked into the Sawdust Room. I arrived just in time to hear Maude Grimes—a member of our Life Service Band—tell about Daniel in the lion's den. She is conducting our weekly story hour for the boys and girls of the community. We are seeking in every way to produce here a normal situation for the girls—that is, such as they would find in their own home churches, and our aim is to give them training in meeting such situations. We hope a large number of our girls will help in the story telling hours this summer in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Again I walked in—and Frances Mallory announced that she had finished her reading course. She had just put down the book "The Self-Interpretation of Jesus" by Carver. I checked the record with her and found that she had completed the 15 hours required, and I gave her the seal for the B. S. U. Certificate. Frances is not the first to have completed the course, but it happened that today "I walked in and—" she had just finished.

It was time for the noonday meeting today, and again I walked in and—there was a group of girls who had gathered to Workshop. At 1:30 every day they come—those who want to pray. Today it was a song and a special prayer for the W. M. U. of the South. And then came a discussion taken from "Doctrines of our Faith". And we prayed again and left.

It was early last Saturday morning, and I had occasion to go to the Workshop at about quarter of seven. I walked in and—it was not a pep meeting; it was not a song service, for all was quiet; it wasn't the Reading Course—it was three—who had met to pray. I slipped in unexpectedly, and there they were—three of our very best on their knees in early morning prayer. In prayer there is power, and today we are able to carry on our work because there are some here who know how to pray.

We wish you—our Mississippi friends, parents and pastors of our girls here, could walk in and—we'd rather you'd see us just as we are. And if the Master too were to walk in we would want to be about the Father's business.

Mother's Day

For two years now this has been a special occasion with us. On last Sunday we had a special program, paying tribute to our mothers. And

the college girls also had charge of the close of the Young People's Department. The following program was rendered:

Devotional—Rosanel Aldridge.

Faith of Our Mothers, a solo—Cammie Morris.

A Mother's Appreciation—Mrs. Albert Loeb.

The Story of Mother's Day—M. F. Johnson.

An Enormous Debt—Irene Pope.

A Practical Suggestion—Beatrice Ross.

Just here greeting cards from the Baptist Student Union were given to each girl, and she was urged to send that home, with a letter, to her mother.

Memory Bells, a duet—Georgia Williams and Ona Hendon.

During the Program Cordie Williams presented to Mrs. Earl Burris, our Big Sponsor Mother, some roses, at the same time expressing the appreciation of the college girls for their Sponsor Mothers. Flowers were also given to "Our College Dad"—Our Pastor, in gratitude for his many kindnesses to us in the work.

Devotional at Council

Miss Beulah Culbertson, our Faculty representative, conducted the first devotional of the newly elected B. S. U. Council. She mentioned several qualities which would make the Council members more efficient. These were found in the life of Paul, and included humility, courage, loyalty and Christian zeal. It was one of the most timely messages we have had at any Council meeting. Miss Culbertson has been untiring in her efforts to help our Council and we could never thank her enough for the many courtesies she has shown us this year.

Miss Pearl Caldwell

Just as it had been predicted, so it was—Miss Caldwell's visit. She spoke at the workshop on last Wednesday at the regular time for Y. W. A. meeting. Her message was such a lively one—and interesting, because she lingered long enough to give us some of the customs of the people with whom she had worked for several years. She coupled with this, however, their need for the gospel. She even talked and sang for us in Chinese! Later in the afternoon several of the girls accompanied her to visit several Chinese people of this city. Time was just too short for such a treat!

LAURELS OF VICTORY FOR THE CLARKE COLLEGE PANTHER DEBATING TEAM

Newton, Miss, May 11.—For the season 1926 the Panther Debating Team of Clarke College has been victorious. The following battles were fought and won by representatives of the Panther Team: Raymond Junior College met A. D. Bassett and H. H. Bethune in Clarke College auditorium to debate the question, "Resolved, That the State of Mississippi should furnish free text books in the public schools." The Panthers denied the question.

The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative. State Teachers College met the Panthers in a joint debate to discuss the question, "Resolved, That the United States should take a definite stand for a just settlement of the economic affairs in Europe." S. A. Murphy and J. E. McCraw debated the negative of the question for the Panther Team, and Jack Bridges and J. D. McNeese debated the affirmative. Mr. Murphy and Mr. McCraw won for the Panthers while Mr. McNeese and Mr. Bridges lost. The results of the joint debate being a tie, Mississippi College sent the Papoose Team to Clarke College to debate the question, "Resolved, That the Negroes of the United States should have the same educational advantages as the Whites." William P. Davis and J. M. Spikes represented the affirmative of the question for the Panthers. The Southern feeling toward the Negro made this debate the most interesting of the season. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

The following men were awarded Varsity letters: William P. Davis, J. M. Spikes, A. D. Bassett, J. E. McCraw, H. H. Bethune, A. Murphy, J. D. McNeese, Jack Bridges.

With the awarding of the Varsity Letter and a Chicken Supper Clarke College closed a very successful debating season.

FIFTH AVENUE, HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church has just closed a successful evangelistic campaign led by Rev. E. E. Huntsberry, Evangelist, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mr. Byron Cox, of Gibsland, Louisiana. The congregation manifested much interest in the services and eternity alone can estimate the beneficial results of this campaign.

At the closing service Sunday night the new auditorium was filled to capacity and a large number were unable to gain admission. In many respects this campaign was the most successful ever held at our church. There were a total of sixty-three additions to the church, most of whom were for baptism.

Not only the members of our congregation but everyone else who was privileged to attend the meeting express the highest praise and commendation of Brother Huntsberry and Mr. Cox. They came to us as strangers but left strong in the confidence and love of all our people.

As a charter member of the church and one who has witnessed her struggles and her growth, I am glad of the privilege of saying a word commendatory of Bro. Huntsberry, whose coming to us at this time appears to have been providential, and whose stay with us and labors among us meant so much to us. Our new building having been just completed, and our congregation being in the midst of phenomenal growth under the leadership of our pastor, D. A. Youngblood.

Bro. Huntsberry is not only a man of great faith and deep piety, but of charming manner and personality, a

man of wonderful tact, broad experience and great learning and ability. He preaches with power, dignity, authority and pathos, and his messages are winning and effective. He is not only a great Bible scholar but an eloquent and effective preacher; he uses no sensational or high-pressure methods but presents the Gospel in a clear, forceful and appealing manner. May God's blessing continue to attend him.

—J. E. Davis.

Hattiesburg, Miss.,
May 10, 1926.

Following is the commencement program of Mississippi Woman's College. All friends are invited to attend:

Friday evening, May 21, 8:15, Tatum Court—Speech Arts Department.

Saturday, May 22—Class Day.
Saturday afternoon, May 22, 5:00—Special class exercises. (If weather is not suitable to have this program on the campus, it will be in Tatum Court at 7:00 P. M.)

Saturday evening, May 22, 8:15, Tatum Court—Commencement concert by music department.

Sunday morning, May 23, 11:00, Main Street Baptist Church—Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. E. K. Cox, Gloster, Mississippi.

Sunday evening, May 23, 8:15, Tatum Court—Sacred Concert.

Monday evening, May 24, 8:15, Tatum Court—Graduating exercises, Baccalaureate address by Dr. G. E. Snavely, President of Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama.

Following is the list of those who will receive degrees and certificates:

Senior Class Roll of Mississippi Woman's College

Alston, Sarah Louise; B. A., English; Hattiesburg.

Annis, Marjorie; Certificate in piano and voice; Wiggins.

Bond, Bessie; B. A., English; Waynesboro.

Ball, Edna; B. A., History; Leakesville.

Barlowe, Alice; B. A., History; Crystal Springs.

Buckley, Florine; B. A., English; Prentiss.

Bush, Christine; Diploma in Speech Arts; Laurel.

Caperton, Catherine; B. A., History; Hattiesburg.

Cleveland, Daisy Myrtle; B. A., French; Hattiesburg.

Caperton, Ruby Marie; B. A., History; Yazoo City.

Chancellor, Carrie Lee; B. A., English; Newton.

Caves, Lessie Lorine; B. A., History; Waynesboro.

Causey, Hattie Mae; B. A., History; Marks.

Chapman, Minna Vera; B. A., English (Post-graduate, Speech Arts); Waynesboro.

Durscherl, Cecelia; B. A., English (Certificate, Speech Arts); Muskogee, Okla.

Douglass, Ruth; B. A., English; Wesson.

Easterling, Blanche; B. A., English; Morgan City.

Edwards, Leola Elizabeth; B. A.,

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English (Certificate, Speech Arts); Mendenhall.

Goza, David Althea; B. A., English; Newton.

Gallman, Susie Mae; B. A., History; Terry.

Hanna, Hellen; B. A., English; Hattiesburg.

Hearst, Willie D.; B. A., Math. or Chemistry; Hattiesburg.

Hinton, Ollie Eugenia; B. A., English; Richton.

Holmes, Jimmie Davis; Diploma in Home Economics; Liberty.

Ham, Ruth Jones; B. A., English; Leland.

Jackson, Webbie Marion; B. A., English (Certificate, Speech Arts); Puckett.

Lee, Lena Elizabeth; B. A., History; Moss.

Landrum, Ada Mae; B. A., English; Leland.

Little, Dorothy; B. A., French; Carpenter.

Litell, Wilna; B. A., Chemistry (Certificate, Home Economics); Kosciusko.

Lumpkin, Rubye; B. A., English; Lucedale.

McCoy, Lottie; B. A., History; Hattiesburg.

McGehee, Eurie; B. A., History; Bogalusa.

McNees, Hazel; B. A., History; Angie, La.

McCann, Madeline; B. A., English; Charlotte, N. C.

McKinnon, Mattie Laura; Diploma in Voice; Pachuta.

McGaha, Emily; B. A., English; Arkabutla.

Polk, Helen; Diploma in Speech Arts; Hattiesburg.

P'Pool, Willard Hart; Diploma in Speech Arts and Voice; Hattiesburg.

Pinson, Belle; B. A., English (Certificate, Speech Arts); Ackerman.

Pickering, Clemis Lenora; B. A., History; Mount Olive.

Patterson, Nannie Christine; B. A., English; Philadelphia.

Rhinehart, Mattie Lee—B. A., History; Leakesville.

Story, M. Lucretia; B. A., English; Laurel.

Sumrall, Gladys; Certificate in Piano; Tylertown.

Thompson, Bertie; B. A., English; Liberty.

West, Cassie; B. A. (Home Economics); Waynesboro.

Blue Mountain College

It is with sincere regret that I am compelled to write of the resignation of our splendid Business Manager, Mr. J. A. Travis. He is not only an excellent business executive, but he has won the real friendship and cordial support of everybody in the college and in the town of Blue Mountain and, I believe, of every patron with whom he has dealt. I wish we were able to pay him a salary sufficiently large to justify his staying with us. We are under the necessity, however, of accepting his resignation and we heartily congratulate the people of Webster County upon having so fine a man to head their Agricultural High School.

Mr. Travis is not merely a business man and a school man, but a tireless Christian worker. He has

been Superintendent of the Blue Mountain Sunday School and has given remarkable satisfaction in that capacity also. Our entire community will greatly regret the departure of Mr. Travis and his good wife. They have won our affections and esteem and we wish them the greatest happiness in their return to public school work. They are to leave us about August 1st.

Checks are coming in almost daily on our endowment fund. A number of nice checks have also reached us to be applied on our new administration building.

Faithfully,

—Lawrence T. Lowrey.

THE SECRETARY AND THE FIELD FORCE

Mississippi during the month of April gave 150 diplomas, 747 seal awards, 131 red seals, 18 blue seals, 14 post graduate diplomas, 208 post graduate seals and 13 gold seals. For the first four months of 1926 we have given 2,162 awards. Mississippi has today all told 13,136 diploma holders, 2,820 red seals, 1,179 blue seals, 232 post graduate diplomas and 125 gold seals.

We had 8 Organized Classes to register during the month of April from the Young People's-Adult department and reaching the Standard with an enrollment of 135. We have 518 classes registered from these departments up to date for this year which have attained the Standard. These 518 classes have an enrollment of 11,716. If we could get all of the classes in your Young People's-Adult departments to register we would make a most splendid showing. Messrs. Teacher and President: Won't you please consider this question of class organization and register your class with us and then work for the Standard? We have a few Intermediate classes enrolled but nothing like we would like to have. Class organization properly functioning will greatly increase the enrollment in our Sunday Schools. Our goal is 15,000 more enrolled in Sunday School in 1926 than we had in 1925. It is our purpose to put on an enlargement campaign in connection with our rural work for the summer.

MERIDIAN—41ST AVENUE

Auxiliary organizations of church conducted good services during first week. Brother J. E. Byrd came to us for the second week. Delivered pointed gripping messages to appreciative hearers. Noon-day meetings held at Southern shops to largest group of men heretofore seen at religious services there, afternoon services at church for soul winners, evening services evangelistic with good attendance. 43 additions to the church.

Since Jan. 1st, 1926, there have been one or more additions to the church each week, except one week when there was a new addition to the pastor's family, John William Richardson. Total number received into church since Jan. 1st, 64.

REVIVAL MEETINGS
SIDON AND TCHULA CHURCHES

On April 11th, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Norris Palmer, pastor of the Speedway Terrace Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., began a series of revival services with the Sidon Baptist Church. The meeting continued until April 19th. Brother Palmer gave us a series of great messages from the Word of God, resulting in nine additions to the church, three of them for baptism.

On Wednesday, April the 21st, the pastor began a revival meeting with the Tchula Baptist Church, being assisted by Rev. C. T. Johnson, Evangelist under the direction of the Baptist Convention Board, doing the preaching; Mr. Virgil Posey of Jackson, Miss., leading the music, and Miss Hurst, a music pupil of Mrs. Virgil Posey of Jackson, Miss., as pianist. Brother Johnson, in the opinion of the writer, is in the right place in Kingdom Service. He is a fearless preacher of the Gospel. Brother Posey is a splendid leader of evangelistic music and a sweet singer as a soloist. Miss Hurst is a charming pianist, this being her first evangelistic meeting away from home.

The meeting resulted in 22 additions to the church, 11 for baptism.

In 1925 Rome, Sidon, Cruger and Tchula churches, as a field, received 99 members and raised for all causes more than \$7,000.00.

The happy pastor is your fellow worker and brother in Christ Jesus,

—J. R. G. Hewlett,
Charleston, Miss.

NEWTON

The Clarke College Ministerial Association met in regular session, May 7, 1926, and rendered an important program on missions, in which the needs of both the home and foreign fields received attention. The statistics given were very helpful and instructive.

We have had a live association throughout the closing session and expect to make it much better next session. It has proved to be a powerful factor in the development of our young ministers.

B. H. DeMENT MINISTERIAL UNION

A day of success for B. B. I. preacher students, according to reports received from student pastors of B. B. I. who are working in and around the city of New Orleans, Sunday, April 26th, was a very successful day. These reports show an attendance of 1,250 in Sunday School, 514 in B. Y. P. U., 1,718 attending the morning services and 1,975 attending the night service.

The possibilities of B. B. I. are great. Located as it is amid thousands of people of other nationalities, and also in a section that has been attracting nation wide attentions as a building section. We are looking forward to the days when she shall hover thousands each year in her walls as a hen gathers her broods under her wings.

—D. B. Powell, Reporter.

LAGRANGE, GEORGIA

Just closed a splendid meeting with First Baptist Church, Sandersville, Ga. Dr. J. M. Roddy, formerly of Kentucky, is the good pastor, and doing a fine work there. Dr. J. G. Davis, pastor First Church, Marietta, Ga., did the preaching, which resulted in some thirty-five additions.

Just started here at Lagrange Second Church yesterday. Rev. W. M. Alberts, pastor Western Heights Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., is doing the preaching. The outlook is good.

—Charles O. Miller,
Blackville, S. C.

Rev. W. L. Hambrick of Atlanta, Ga., has just closed a most remarkable meeting with the Rutledge Avenue Church of Charleston, S. C., that resulted in one hundred and thirteen additions, seventy-nine of whom came on a profession of faith for baptism. Rev. J. E. Bailey is pastor of this noble church and he is quoted as saying that Evangelist Hambrick is a wonderful preacher of the old time Gospel, and an ideal helper to the pastor. The evangelist has now a few open dates for 1926, and any church will have reason to rejoice if they secure the help of this unusual man of God.

The Librarian of our Seminary at Fort Worth is making a special effort to rescue Baptist historical material from being lost to the denomination. Any religious periodical, record book, magazine, reports, minutes, sketches of men or incidents are available. Many Baptists have been for years destroying accumulations of such material and thereby the brotherhood has lost valuable records for future study. Everyone reading this is earnestly requested to help save the foundations of Baptist history by writing the librarian, Rev. L. R. Elliott, Seminary Hill, Texas, if they have such material or know of those who do.

I am opening my evangelistic campaign with my first meeting in a dance hall near Morgan City, Lafourche County. I preached to several hundred people last night. I am preaching to hundreds of people who never go to church. It is wonderful to know the amount of work that is needed in our own country. And they are anxious and starving for the gospel.

With best wishes to the editor and a call for the prayers of all readers of the Record,

—B. F. McPhail,
Jackson, Miss.

Mistress (instructing new butler)
—“Now how do you address a baronet?”

Butler—“Your Lordship.”

“And his lady?”

“Your Ladyship.”

“And an admiral?”

“Er—your flagship?” — Cornell Widow.

FINDING A CITY OF JOSHUA'S DAY

Bible students throughout the world will be stirred by the following cablegram, received exclusively by The Sunday School Times, shortly before the issue of May 15 closed, from its Archaeological Editor, Dr. Melvin Grove Kyle, in Palestine. In cooperation with the American School of Archaeological Research at Jerusalem, the present expedition set out to excavate Tell Mirsim, near Hebron, identified in 1924 as the site of Kirjath-sepher by Dr. Albright, Director of the American School at Jerusalem. The latter is Director of field operations in this expedition, and Dr. Kyle—who is President of Xenia Seminary—is president of this expeditionary staff in the field.

Kirjath-sepher has been undisturbed since Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it, 2,500 years ago. But 800 years earlier than that, about 1400 B. C., it was a flourishing city as Joshua led the Children of Israel into Canaan and commenced the conquest of that land. The taking of Kirjath-sepher is recorded in Joshua 15.

Now note the cablegram from Dr. Kyle:

"Joshua 15:13-19 confirmed. Field and springs found. Kirjath-sepher fully identified. Remarkable finds far exceeding expectations. Walls originally thirty-five to forty feet high. Great complicated gateway showing five periods of building, three Canaanite, two Israelite. Gruesome layers of ashes show city burned three times: by unknown, about 1700 B. C.; by Othniel at conquest (of Canaan by Joshua); and by Nebuchadnezzar. Evidences of terrific fighting. Mysterious and unique system of shrines in rooms, probably a Canaanite temple. Remarkable plumbing system."

In late May and early June issues of the Times, Dr. Kyle's own accounts of this amazing corroboration of early Old Testament history will be given. Apparently it is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of modern times, and it remains to be seen whether actual tablets of the Pentateuch, brought to Kirjath-sepher ("Booktown") by the Israelites, may yet be found.

A Get-Acquainted Subscription of ten weeks, at 25 cents, will secure articles by Dr. Kyle, written on the field in the midst of these epoch-making researches. Subscriptions should mention the Kyle series and be sent immediately to The Sunday School Times Company, 1031 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

FALSE PROPHETS

Edward Bok, the famous Philadelphian, said at a recent dinner:

"The people who tell us that preparedness, with its horrors of poison gas and submarine slaughter will eventually give us world peace, reminds me as the young lady in the country.

"A young lady, visiting in the country in the spring, came to a pond that was full of tadpoles. Hundreds of little black tadpoles

flopped and wriggled about in an inch of mud and water.

"Oh," she said, "look at the tadpoles! And to think that some day every one of the horrid things will be a beautiful butterfly!"—Clipped.

GOOD FOR SOMETHING

Tommy: I want another box of those pills I got for mother yesterday.

Druggist: Did your mother say they were good?

Tommy: No; but they fit my air rifle.—Good Hardware.

OH, PADDY!

Said a colored man to a white man: "Fo' no reason 'tall, a big Irishman walloped m elast night."

"That's impossible. What were you doing?"

"Ah wuz singin'."

"What were you singing?"

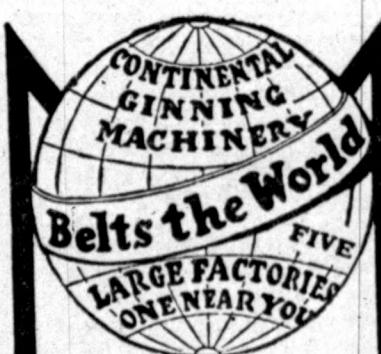
"Ah wuz singin', 'Ireland must be heaven, foh my mothah came from theah'."

PERFECT TIME PIECE

Married Man: "It must be time to get up!"

Wife: "What makes yo uthink so?"

Married Man: "Baby has gone to sleep."—Cherokee (Iowa) Times.



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"I was in grandma's room settin' the clock," came from the third boy.

"I was up in the pantry settin' a tray," said the fourth.

"You're a fine set!" remarked the farmer. "And where were you?" he asked, turning to the youngest.

"I was on the door-step settin' still!" was the reply.—Selected.

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